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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

ACM: Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager

DATE: December 4, 2025

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction, on the selection of winning proposals for bond-related public art at Fire Station 5 and Fire Station 6, and approve sending subcommittee recommendations to City Council.

BACKGROUND

The 2023 Bond program, approved by voters in November of that year, included several vertical construction projects with related public art components. Call for Artists for two of these projects – Fire Station 5 and Fire Station 6 – closed at the end of June. We received 30 proposals for Fire Station 5, and 27 proposals were received for Fire Station 6.

A committee composed of PAC Members and Fire staff met to consider the proposals for both Fire Stations in late September. Each work was assessed according to a simple 100-point rubric, with the points breaking down as follows:

<u>Criteria</u>	Max Points
Artistic Merit	50
Following Project Scope / Theming	25
Proposal Scale and Appropriateness of Scale	25
<u>Total</u>	<u>100</u>

The budget for public art projects at each fire station is \$253,000, and the RFP entertained proposals between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

Fire Station 5

Fire Station 5 will be a new structure built on the parcel of land that houses the current Fire Station 5 located at the intersection of N. Bonnie Brae Street and W. Windsor Drive, near the southwestern corner of North Lakes Park. A subcommittee consisting of Public Art Committee members and Fire Department staff met on October 24 to consider and rank Fire Station 5 proposals.

Fire Station 6

Fire Station 6 is a new structure at 2301 Hunter's Creek Road, off Teasley Lane. A subcommittee consisting of Public Art Committee members and Fire Department staff met on September 24, 2025, to consider and rank Fire Station 5 proposals.

RESULTS OF SUBCOMMITTEE RANKINGS

A subcommittee consisting of PAC members Adam Chamberlin and Francesca Romano, GDAC executive director (and PAC ex-officio member) Krissi Oden, as well as Fire Department representatives Chief David Boots and Fire Administration Manager Lindsey Garrison met on September 24, 2025 to consider proposals for both fire stations. After a conversation about each design, subcommittee members were asked to provide their rankings for each fire station. The consolidated scores for the top three projects at each fire station are provided below, in descending order:

	FIRE STATION #5 PROPOSALS					
Artist	Panelist 1	Panelist 2	Panelist 3	Panelist 4	Panelist 5	Score Total
Denton Maker Center	100	92	95	87.5	90	464.5
SV Randall Studio LLC	80	86	90	60	0	316
Edavant LLC	0	60	57	52.5	100	269.5

	FIRE STATION #6 PROPOSALS					
Artist	Panelist 1	Panelist 2	Panelist 3	Panelist 4	Panelist 5	Score Total
Di Bari Innovation Design LLC	100	87	85	55	0	327
Christine Sanders	85	90	80	67.5	0	322.5
SV Randall Studio LLC	70	91	75	62.5	0	298.5
J. Garrett Gallery	0	80	36	55	100	271

Images of the designs are attached (see Exhibit 2 and Exhibit 3)

NEXT STEPS

The ranked scores will then be provided to City Council so that Council may make the final choice about which artist/proposal they wish to pursue for each Fire Station project. City staff will then enter into a contract with that artist to create the artwork, and will continue to monitor progress through production and installation.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends accepting the subcommittee's ranked findings and transmitting those rankings to the City Council for further consideration.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Each Fire Station project has a total bond-supported budget of \$253,000. This budget must support the cost of project fabrication, transportation, and installation, as well as the artists' fees and other related costs. Additionally, each new piece of public art will have a related maintenance expense during its life span. The bond-supported budget amount does not include maintenance costs which have, historically, come from other funding sources like Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Fire Station 5 Proposal Catalog

Exhibit 3- Fire Station 6 Proposal Catalog

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