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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

ACM: Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager

DATE: August 4, 2022

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff input regarding the status of the following Public Art Committee projects:

1. Tennis Center
2. Carroll Blvd. Art Trail
3. Bell Avenue and Wainwright Street Sculpture (formerly Dallas and Teasley)
4. Bonnie Brae Roundabout Sculpture
5. Traffic Box Wraps in the Original Denton District

BACKGROUND

This item is to gather feedback and provide updates on the ongoing, new, and proposed public art projects.

Ongoing Projects

Tennis Center

This project has its own agenda item in this meeting.

Carroll Blvd. Art Trail

The public art project located on Carroll Blvd. has a budget of \$50,000 (art only) comprised of bond funds dedicated to transportation projects. The locations proposed for sculptures on Carroll Blvd. have been selected by PAC. The subcommittee selected four sculptures from the seven sculptures the artist had for sale. The PAC approved the purchase (6-0) in their April 7, 2022, meeting. The purchase contract was approved on at the May 3, 2022, City Council meeting. Installation was completed in June. After installation, staff noted the black painted "Challenger" sculpture blends into the background and is difficult to see. After researching color options with the artist, the color of the sculpture will be changed to white to keep a consistent theme among with the other sculptures. The initial estimate for sculpture removal, repainting, and reinstallation is \$1,150.00 from the artist Russ Connell.

Subcommittee assignments are Lane, Buie, and Chamberlin.

Bell Avenue & Wainwright Street Sculpture (Formerly Dallas Drive and Teasley Sculpture)

The public art project was formerly to be located on Dallas Drive and Teasley Lane. The PAC provided input in their April 2022 meeting that the Bell Avenue and Wainwright Street was a better location. While determining the location, PAC expressed interest in Eagle Drive and Elm, however staff did not recommend the site for placement of Public Art, due to visual obstructions. This project has a budget of \$25,000 comprised of bond funds dedicated to transportation projects.

Subcommittee assignments are Nicholson and Nuchols. The other subcommittee members have rotated off the PAC.

Bonnie Brae Roundabout Sculpture

The public art project located at the Bonnie Brae Roundabout has a budget of \$133,020 with \$50,000 artist budget and \$83,020 for site improvements. A call for artists was conducted in December 2021. Three proposals were received and evaluated. The PAC accepted the proposal of “Dog Star” by artist Elizabeth Akamatsu in the February 10, 2022, meeting. City Council approved the contract (7-0) on February 15, 2022. The artist completed the design and has been given notice to proceed with the fabrication. Staff are currently working to get water to the site for landscape irrigation. The pedestal needed to elevate the sculpture has been designed to best display the art. Art fabrication and installation is expected to be complete by August 2022.

Subcommittee assignments are Lane, Liechty, and Nuchols.

Traffic Box Wraps in the ODD

The PAC indicated its interest in creating a pilot program to wrap utility boxes in 2019. Two skins for traffic boxes were created at the 2019 Arts and Jazz Festival and installed at two locations in the Original Denton District (ODD) cultural arts district. This project will expand the program to wrap the rest of the traffic boxes in the ODD. This would include the area in the ODD, the roads forming the border of the ODD, and cover up to 18 boxes. A grant application was submitted to the Texas Commission on the Arts in July 2022, for \$12,000 to cover half of the estimated \$24,000 needed to prepare and wrap the boxes. The wrap designs will come from involvement with our UNT, TWU, and DISD partners and through a local artist call. Suggested themes for the art include Historic Denton, Nature, Music Denton, and Denton Diversity. This project was reviewed by the Traffic Safety Commission on July 18, 2022, and received many supportive comments.

A subcommittee has not been assigned to this project.

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

The Tennis Center sculpture is expected to be completed by December 2022. The Carroll Blvd Art Trail should be completed in July 2022. The Bell Ave. & Wainwright sculpture is projected to be completed by December 2022. The Bonnie Brae roundabout project uses Hotel Occupancy Tax funds and must be completed by September 2022, due to spending restrictions.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Each sculpture will have an anticipated maintenance need. A supplemental request will be submitted the following fiscal year to offset anticipated maintenance expenses.

FISCAL INFORMATION

1. Tennis Center - (Project #400276), \$36,000 budget. No funds have been spent on this project.
2. Carroll Blvd Art Trail Sculptures, (Project #450012) - Four sculptures for a total artist budget of \$50,000. An additional \$1,150.00 will be spent changing the color of the Challenger sculpture.
3. Bell Avenue & Wainwright Street Sculpture – (Project #450013467), \$25,000 budget.
4. Bonnie Brae Roundabout Sculpture (Project #450008) - \$133,020 budget (\$50,000 artist budget and \$83,020 site improvements). Funding for this project came from \$54,010 Hotel Occupancy Tax and \$79,010 bonds.
5. Traffic Box Wraps - (no project number assigned) projected budget \$24,000 (\$12,000 TCA grant applied for and \$12,000 Hotel Occupancy Tax funds)

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Presentation

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