



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

ACM: Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager

DATE: December 1, 2022

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff input regarding the status of the cleaning and restoration of the Beaumont Mood lighting fixtures in the O'Neil Ford Civic Complex historic landmark (Quakertown Park buildings and facilities).

BACKGROUND

O'Neil Ford, the architect that designed City Hall, Emily Fowler Library, the Civic Center, and structures around the Civic Center Pool. As a part of the designs, he specified lighting fixtures by the Beaumont Mood Lighting Company.

Staff is researching ways to replace or repair damaged or missing fixtures. Staff is also exploring using volunteer help, in partnership with the Denton Public Library, to clean the exterior fixtures. Staff contacted the Ford Powell Carson Architects (FPC) for information about the fixtures and how they can be repaired, replaced, and maintained. Alayna Jordan, Preservation Specialist with FPC, spent six hours with staff over two days to assess the condition of the existing fixtures and to provide a short in-service on how to clean them.

During the FPC visit, they noted that the O'Neil Ford Civic Complex had approximately 191 fixtures. The approximate number was given because some of the exterior building lighting fixtures are missing from their mounts. She noted that 150 fixtures are in need of cleaning while up to 64 fixtures needed cracks repaired and/or missing pieces replaced.

FPC offered a proposal for training staff on the proper cleaning methods. The cost for the training was quoted as \$3,000 plus reimbursable expenses. FPC also offered a full-service conservation option that is estimated to take up to four weeks. In this option they would provide cleaning and repair of all installed Mood fixtures. This option would not replace lost fixtures or repair fully broken fixtures that are missing pieces. The full-service option is listed at \$33,500 plus reimbursable expenses.

A subcommittee has not been assigned to this project.

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

The cleaning of the fixtures can start once volunteers have been recruited and trained. Funding will need to be identified for the restoration/replacement of fixtures before this can be scheduled.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

The public art repair budget will need to be increased in FY 2023-2024 to purchase cleaning supplies and materials.

FISCAL INFORMATION

A portion of the public art maintenance budget can be used for an initial purchase of approximately \$500 for cleaning supplies.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Proposal by Ford Powell Carson for restoration services

Exhibit 3- Presentation

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