



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a recommendation by the Public Art & Design Board for the commission of a public art installation for the Morningside Recreation Complex located at 2400 Harn Boulevard, as designed by Guy Kemper for a total cost of \$36,052.50; and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

SUMMARY:

The theme and scope of this project was determined with input from the project construction team, Public Art & Design Board, Parks & Recreation Department, Morningside and Morningside Meadows Homeowners Associations. The project intent is to commission public artwork that serves as an artistic enhancement to the main entrance and central atrium at the Morningside Recreation Complex.

The Public Art & Design Board appointed a five-member Selection Panel comprised of individuals representing specified interests and expertise:

Karen Cunningham (Chair), Public Art & Design Board Representative

Spencer Cook, President, Morningside Meadows Homeowners Association

Norene Marlow, President, Morningside Homeowners Association

Regina Novak, Parks & Recreation Department

Judith Powers, artistic representative

The Selection Panel met to review all applicant credentials and articles and selected artist Guy Kemper as his vibrantly colored artwork best fit the theme and artistic desires of the project and stakeholders. It was later found that Mr. Kemper's artwork was not possible due to conflicts with construction. The Selection Panel met with Mr. Kemper in January 2019 to discuss a new configuration for the artwork and determined that a mosaic piece would fit within the construction constraints. Mr. Kemper submitted a new design proposal and on June 13, 2019 the Public Art & Design Board unanimously approved the design and the recommendation to commission Mr. Kemper.

This item supports the City's Strategic Vision by providing public art for citizens and visitors and represents the City's ongoing commitment to the commission of public artwork, making the City a better place to live, learn, work, visit and play.

The Board is recommending that the City Council approve the commission of this artist's proposal of public artwork.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

Capital Project Funds are available in capital improvement project 315-93251, Morningside Recreation Center Replacement, to fund this contract.