



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 23, 2024

TITLE:

Consider and act to accept \$1,200 from St. David's Hospital to the City of Bastrop for the creation of a mural in Delgado Park honoring Minerva Delgado.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

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BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Councilmember Lee was honored as a “Network Weaver” by St. David’s foundation and awarded \$1,200 to put towards a civic project in Bastrop. Councilmember Lee chose Delgado Park as her project and began collaborating with the Parks Board and the Cultural Arts Commission to create a mural in Delgado park that would honor the life of Minera Delgado.

In 1948, with the support of LULAC and the legal assistance of Gus Garcia, Minerva Delgado and 20 other parents of Mexican American children filed suit in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas challenging the segregation of their children in five Texas public school districts. Thus began the case of *Delgado, et. al. v. Bastrop Independent School District, et. al.* In their complaint for the Mexican American parents, the attorneys argued that the school districts had “prohibited, barred, and excluded” Mexican American children from attending public school with “other white school children” in violation of the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution’s Fourteenth Amendment.

(<https://oyezoyezohyay.org/delgado-v-bastrop-1948-case-summary/>)

FISCAL IMPACT:

General Fund \$1,300 to complete the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the project subject to an approved design by the family of Minerva Delgado.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Presentation by Councilmember Lee
2. Supporting documentation including budget, mural ideation, and color palette.