



## PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMO

**Meeting Date:** January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**To:** Public Art Advisory Committee

**From:** Noreen Leek, Park & Recreation Director

**Subject:** San Benito to Alvarado Stairway Public Art

### Background

The mission for public art in the City of Brisbane is to support community identity, unity, and pride through diverse artwork that grabs attention and distinguishes a unique sense of place. The Alvarado to San Benito Stairway project will utilize a 12' wide city property to extend the improved Central Brisbane alleyway/stairway from Alvarado Street at the lower end to San Benito Avenue at the upper end. The project aspires to enhance an outdoor stairway into a vibrant community landmark, improve safety for pedestrians, and has the potential to influence the visual identity of our shared spaces.

In November 2024, the City Council affirmed the Public Art Advisory Committee's recommendation to award contracts to McGrath Arts for lighting and handrails, and Angelina Duckett for the mosaic on the stair risers.

### Discussion

At this stage, the Committee invites public input and will meet with both artists to determine final designs for the project. They will make a recommendation to City Council who will consider final designs at a future meeting.

### Fiscal Impact

The City Council authorized the following project expenses related to public art for the stairway:

- Angelina Duckett: \$80,000
- McGrath Arts: \$120,150
- A 20% contingency to draw from as needed to support the project.

Funds to support this are available in the Public Art Fund (Fund 275). Pending the engineers estimate, approximately \$20k-\$50k will be funded by C/CAG's Transportation Development Act grant fund for the construction portion of the stairway. There is no impact to the general fund.

To View the Artists' packets presented to Council on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, please visit the meeting link below, Item G: <https://www.brisbaneca.org/citycouncil/meeting/city-council-meeting-142>