

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report



Meeting: May 25, 2023
From: Recreation Division
Subject: Public Art Proposal

Recommended Action: Approve the Tree Stump Public Art Project and Contract with artist Anthony Heinz May in the amount of \$5,500.

Background: The City of Capitola Public Art Ordinance requires all commercial projects valued at more than \$250,000 to either incorporate art into the project or contribute to the City's Public Art Fund. One of the duties of the City of Capitola Art and Cultural Commission is to administer the Public Art Fund and recommend public art projects for the City of Capitola.

Capitola's Tree Stump Art Project is located at the lower public parking lot on Monterey Avenue, which is used by the general public visiting the beach and Capitola Village. A very large cypress tree, that was estimated to be over 100 years old, fell during the winter of 2019; the stump is all that remains. That stump is a landmark and considered a small bit of Capitola's history. It is approximately seven feet in diameter and four feet deep.

The Art and Cultural Commission formed an art selection committee in May of 2022 and initiated a call to artists for this project, which closed on October 4, 2022.

The art selection committee reviewed seven submissions and one artist was asked to submit a detailed proposal. The Art and Cultural Commission reviewed the proposal and recommended that the City Council approve the proposal and contract with Anthony Heinz May.

Discussion: Anthony Heinz May has extensive experience in the creation of cubed wood block sculpture designed for outdoor environments.

The proposed Tree Stump Sculpture will utilize the existing tree stump in its current location and additions to the sculpture will be made using other fallen tree debris collected from within the City.

Fiscal Impact: The proposed project cost is \$5,500. The Public Art Fund has \$75,000 allocated in Fiscal Year 2023-24 for public art projects. The Public Art Fund is restricted and may only be used for public art projects.

Attachments:

1. Tree Stump Proposal by Anthony Heinz May
2. Tree Stump Art Agreement Contract

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Reviewed By: Julia Moss, City Clerk

Approved By: Jamie Goldstein, City Manager