

**SUBMITTED BY:** William D. Osborne, AICP, City Planner  
**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** Ana Urquijo, City Manager  
**FOCUS AREA:** Other / NA  
**ORGANIZATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS:** N/A  
**SUBJECT:** Community Art Project – Crosswalk Art / Bryan’s Way.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On March 8, 2022, Bibi Harris approached the City Manager’s Office to discuss possible support for a community art grant project to improve one crosswalk in Douglas artistically with paints.

City staff met with Ms. Harris and discussed how the project could be replicated to support pedestrian safety and wayfinding. Most especially for school-aged children walking and bicycling to and from Douglas schools in light of the tragic truck-on-bicycle accident on February 10, 2022, that took the life of Bryan Chacon, a 12-year old resident of Agua Prieta who attended Ray Borane Middle School as a 6th grader.

**BACKGROUND:**

The main points of the art grant discussion between Ms. Harris and City staff were:

- One crosswalk at approximately \$2,000 grant award for costs coverage from The Arts Foundation for Tucson and Southern Arizona.
- The potential coordinated participation of Douglas stakeholders in the design and production process should there be a desire to commemorate Bryan Chacon, the history of education of other traveling children in Douglas who lived in Agua Prieta, as well as general cultural themes highlighting the shared history of the sister cities.
- The potential for other grant funds associated with traffic and pedestrian/bicycle safety connecting schools and school children in a culturally meaningful way as transportation enhancements.

**DISCUSSION:**

Staff recommends support of an initial community art crosswalk commission funded by The Arts Foundation for Tucson and Southern Arizona. Consider a subsequent resolution to direct staff to work with artists in Douglas and Agua Prieta to provide for a culturally- and historically-rich wayfinding program to support community crosswalk art as well as sidewalk art temporary and permanent to guide and encourage children and others to safely travel on foot and bicycle to and from Douglas schools – starting with a path connecting the pedestrian border crossing with Ray Borane Middle School – Bryan’s Way.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**Fiscal Year:** N/A

**Amount Requested:** N/A

**Budgeted:** N/A

**Account (s):** N/A

**Presentation only.**