



CITY OF  
**FORESTPARK**

## City Council Agenda Item

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**Subject:** Council Discussion on Entering an Agreement with Laron Harlem for a Forest Park Mural Project – Procurement Division

**Submitted By:** Girard Geeter

**Date Submitted:** March 30, 2022

**Work Session Date:** April 18, 2022

**Council Meeting Date:** April 18, 2022

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### Background/History:

The Executive Department and the Procurement Division on behalf of the City is seeking councils' direction regarding a contractual agreement with Laron Harlem, Jr., Artist and Owner of A Bucket and A Dream. The Procurement Division conducted a request for qualifications for The Mural Project. The artist will produce a mural on three outdoor retainer walls located at Conley Rd and at the intersection on Pineridge Rd & Alder Dr. The mural project seeks to bring beauty to what would otherwise be a cold, blank wall and also celebrate the energy and diversity of the local area. Given the wide range of potential visitors and diverse cultures of the residents that travel on these streets, the mural will celebrate the "coming together" of all these diverse groups and highlight Forest Park's rich cultural history while developing new expressions for the current times and enthusiasm about its future. This mural will transform these wall faces into a vibrant, colorful and welcoming element to Forest Park with the intent to deter graffiti. A Bucket and A Dream was the only artist to submit their proposal within the City's budget. We are seeking councils' direction on how you wish to proceed in this matter. The contract and project installation of artwork will continue until artist completion.

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**Cost: \$ \$20,000.00**

**Budgeted for:**  Yes  No

**Financial Impact:**

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### **Action Requested from Council:**

Seeking councils' direction regarding the Mural Project