



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

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### STAFF

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Ellen Martin, Visual Arts Administrator

### SUBJECT

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**Resolution 2024-144 Approving the Design, Creation and Installation of Public Art at the Power Trail and Harmony Road Crossing.**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The purpose of this item is to approve expenditures from the Art in Public Places (APP) Reserve Account to commission an artist to create art for the Power Trail and Harmony Road Crossing Project. The expenditure of \$50,000 will be for design, engineering, materials, signage, fabrication, delivery, installation, and contingency for Todd Kundla to create the artworks for the Power Trail and Harmony Road Crossing Project.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

### BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

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Section 23-303 of the Code, which was added in 1995, established the Art in Public Places (APP) Reserve Account, and designated it for use in acquiring or leasing works of art, maintenance, repair or display of works of art, and administrative expenses related to the APP Program, in accordance with the APP Guidelines adopted by the Council in Ordinance No. 20, 1995. In 2012, City Council permanently adopted the APP Program, and reenacted City Code Chapter 23, Article IX, with certain modifications.

APP Artist Todd Kundla, of Fort Collins, was selected through an RFQ process and collaborated with the Project Team to develop artwork for this site.

Located at the north and south entrances to the new pedestrian underpass at the Power Trail and Harmony Rd. crossing, the sculptures will serve as wayfinding landmarks. The two series of sculptures, titled *Custodes Solis (Guardians of the Sun)* and *Motus Aquae (Movement of Water)*, will be visible from Harmony Road and the Power Trail.

The themes of the sculptures are inspired by the Power Trail. Three sculptures on the south side of the roadway, *Custodes Solis (Guardians of the Sun)*, are created out of steel and warm toned geometric polycarbonate-colored panels honoring the sun as provider of energy. On the north side of the roadway, two sculptures, *Motus Aquae (Movement of Water)*, will incorporate elegant curves of steel and cooler tones of polycarbonate to symbolize the fluidity water and its power in the West. The artist is working with the Project Team to place these sculptures into the landscape.

## **CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

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The funds for this item have been appropriated in the Reserve Account. The APP program also has available appropriated maintenance funds for the long-term care of the subject artwork and the rest of the APP art collection.

Power Trail and Harmony Road Crossing Project art budget is \$50,000 to be used for design, engineering, materials, signage, fabrication, delivery, installation, and contingency for this artwork.

## **BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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The design concept and budget for the art project was reviewed and recommended for Council approval by the APP Board at the November 6, 2024, rescheduled October board meeting.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

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The selected artist collaborates with the project team to develop concepts for the artwork based on the goals of the project and input from the team. The final design and budget are reviewed and approved by the project team and then the APP Board, who then recommends the project to City Council for approval.

The APP Program promotes the project in development, fabrication, installation, and completion of the artwork on social media, website, and newsletters.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Resolution for Consideration
2. Proposed Artwork
3. Art in Public Places Board Minutes, November 6, 2024