



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

STAFF

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SUBJECT

Resolution 2022-085 Approving an Art Project for the Bucking Horse Park Project and Approving Expenditures from the Art in Public Places Reserve Account in the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund to Create the Art Project Pursuant to the Art in Public Places Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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 Bucking Horse Park Project. The expenditures of \$67,000 will be for design, materials, signage, fabrication, delivery, installation, and contingency for APP artist Joshua Wiener to create the art for the Bucking Horse Park Project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Section 23-303 of the Code, which was added in 1995, established the Art in Public Places 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 1998, City Council permanently adopted the APP Program, and in 2012 reenacted City Code Chapter 23, Article XII, with certain modifications.

The City of Fort Collins is constructing a six-acre neighborhood park located along Miles House Road in the Bucking Horse neighborhood. The park will have elements that may include a multi-purpose field, restroom, picnic pavilion, playground, and concrete walks/paths that connect to the Bucking Horse internal neighborhood walks and the future adjacent Poudre River Trail.

Art in Public Places artist Joshua Wiener was selected through a competitive process for this project. The Park Planning & Design project team worked with Joshua to create artwork to incorporate into the Bucking Horse Park design. The proposed sculptures will create gateway elements for the park entrances off Miles House Avenue. The design incorporates the three sculptural groupings in the native grass area along the Loop Walk.

The three site-specific steel-beam sculptures appear to emerge from the earth, like brush strokes in the landscape. The beams that complement the park design will be approximately 8'tall above ground, leaning at approximately 45 degrees, and created from raw steel. The appearance of the sculptures will change as you walk through the space. The twelve beams in each sculpture will appear to form a solid wall as you

enter the park, and as you pass by, the layers will separate and create views between them. They will continue to change as park visitors move through the space and view the art from different angles.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The funds for this item have been appropriated in the APP Reserve Account in the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund. 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.

The Bucking Horse Park Project art budget is \$67,000 to be used for design, materials, fabrication, signage, delivery, installation, and contingency for these artworks.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The design concept and budget for the art project was reviewed and recommended for City Council approval by the APP Board at the June 15, 2022, regular board meeting.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

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 information on the proposed artwork, including a video, is shared on the Park Planning & Development Bucking Horse Park website that includes the community/neighborhood information for the park www.fcgov.com/parkplanning/bucking-horse-park, with a link on the Art in Public Places website at www.fcgov.com/artspublic

The APP Program will promote the project throughout the fabrication, installation, and completion of the artwork.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution for Consideration
2. Written Description and Images of Proposed Artwork
3. Art in Public Places Board Minutes, June 15, 2022