

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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SUBJECT

Resolution 2026-108 Approving Expenditures to Commission an Artist to Create Artwork for the Future Mariposa Park.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to approve the Art in Public Places ("APP") Mariposa Park Project, based upon the recommendations of the Arts & Culture Board.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Arts & Culture Board recommends commissioning local artist Lisa Cameron Russell to create artwork for the future Mariposa Park in northeast Fort Collins. The proposed artwork concept was reviewed and recommended for Council approval by the Arts & Culture Board on August 10, 2026, following a public art design phase by the project team. The project team included artist Lisa Cameron Russell and representatives from the City's Park Planning & Development Department and APP.

The public art design is inspired by the neighborhood park's layout that loosely mimics the form of a butterfly. The proposed colorful steel sculpture is intended to respectively celebrate Colorado's state insect, the Colorado hairstreak butterfly, creating connections to the park theme, nature and community.

Located at the park's central entrance off Sykes Drive, the artwork is intended to be a statement piece viewed by pedestrians passing by or guests entering the park.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The overall public art budget for the APP Mariposa Park Project includes sculpture fabrication, site preparation, installation, insurance labor, and contingency, totaling \$30,500. 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.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The APP Mariposa Park Project was reviewed and recommended for Council approval by the Arts & Culture Board at the August 10, 2026, meeting.

Exhibit A to the Resolution presents the APP Mariposa Park Project details to Council.

The attached PDF is the draft Arts & Culture Board Minutes from the August 10, 2026, Board meeting where the project was reviewed and approved by a vote of the Board.

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 Council for approval.

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

ATTACHMENTS / LINKS

1. Arts and Culture Board Meeting Minutes, August 10, 2026 (draft)
2. Resolution 2026-108