



Mayor Robert E. Simison

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December 6, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor Robert Simison and City Council

**FROM:** Cassandra Schiffler, Arts and Culture Coordinator, MPR Dept.

**RE:** Two Public Art Projects: Mural at the Meridian Pool and a Mosaic Sculpture at the Five Mile Creek Pathway Trailhub

**Background**

Two public art projects are planned for installation in 2023 using budgeted public art funds from MAPS and a carryforward from the “Art in Public Places Mural Series” fund. One public art project is set of mosaic gateway pillar sculptures at the Five Mile Creek Pathway Trailhub, and the other project is a youth aquatics education themed mural at the Pool.

*Mural Design Background*

This mural is the third and final mural project in the Meridian Mural Series. The artist team, Sector Seventeen, was selected by the Public Art Committee through an application process. The location of the Meridian Pool, currently owned by the West Ada Recreation District (WARD) was chosen by the Arts Commission for its high visibility and level community impact in the City of Meridian. A design review panel of stakeholders from the Public Art Committee, WARD, City and Pool staff met to consider the desired outcomes and to review the artist’s initial and provisionally final designs to agree on this proposed final design. The final design was recommended by the Meridian Arts Commission on November 10, 2022.

*Mosaic Sculptures RFQ + RFP Background*

This project was selected through a national Call to Artists, and received dozens of applications. A selection panel thoroughly reviewed applications and selected four artists to submit proposals. The four artists presented their projects to a selection panel of stakeholders including the Public Art Committee, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and City Staff. Eileen Gay’s Water Metrics was the clear front-runner for the project, and the selections panel’s recommendation was reviewed and recommended by the Meridian Arts Commission on November 10, 2022.

**Recommendation**

To approve Sector Seventeen’s Task Order for installation of the designed mural at the Meridian Pool, and Eileen Gaye’s Professional Service Agreement for fabrication and installation of her project, “Water Metrics” at the Five Mile Creek Pathway Trailhub.