



MEMO TO MERIDIAN ARTS COMMISSION

Date: 12-8-22

RE: New Special Traffic Box Wrap at Ten Mile and Pine with Artwork by Recently Deceased Student

Background

There was a recent accident at the crosswalk at Ten Mile and Pine, near Meridian High School. A high school student was struck by a truck, and has died. The father of the student reached out to the City to inquire about putting his son's artwork on the nearby traffic box. The Public Art Committee reviewed this project at their 11/15/22 meeting. The Public Art Committee acknowledged that this is outside of the normal traffic box art selection process, and that MAC does not (and should not) make a regular practice of creating memorials. However, the Committee found that this proposed project is an exception, warranting consideration due to the impact of this event in the community and the age and untimely death of the artist.

There are two traffic boxes at the current location, and one was wrapped with artwork ("Outrageous Mavis" by Clarissa Grkovic) in 2017. That box is not currently in a condition that warrants removal and rewrap yet (the lifespan of these wraps is typically 5-10 years), so the committee suggested wrapping the smaller box next to it. The parent is amenable to sponsoring the wrap and will pay for the cost of the wrap.

The committee reviewed seven images sent by the parent, and the general consensus from the committee was that the image on the second page of this memo would work best for a traffic box.

Recommendation

To review, discuss, and make a recommendation to City Council on this proposed special traffic box project.



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