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June 20, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Robert Simison and City Council

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

RE: Discovery Park Phase 2 Public Art Projects: Three Public Art Projects Planned

Background

Three public art opportunities were identified by the Public Art Committee and the Parks and Recreation Department for multiple public art elements to be included in the phase 2 area of Discovery Park's construction with budgeted MAPS (Meridian Art in Public Spaces) funds. The objective of each art piece is to enhance Discovery Park's overall identity and incorporate the themes of learning, exploration, and "discovery".

The three projects are: a sculpture in the circular grassy area central to the softball fields, a functional bench seating project near the bike park, and sculpture near the existing playground at the end of a long walkway. Prequalified artists/artist teams from our Parks Identity Public Art Roster were invited to submit site-specific proposals for these public art projects that met the objectives.

Seven projects were received from three artists/artist teams. The Public Art Committee, Arts Commission, and Parks and Recreation Department reviewed all proposals. At their June 8, 2023 meeting, the Arts Commission voted to recommend three final proposals to move forward for installation.

Cassandra Schiffler will present all three recommended final proposals in a PowerPoint slideshow during City Council work session and take any comments and questions.

Recommendation

To approve all projects for installation with designs as presented. Agreements with artists will be on an upcoming consent agenda.