



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 10/24/2023

REQUESTER: Veronica Tracy, Recreation Manager

PRESENTER: Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A DONATION OF \$25,325 FOR A MURAL TO BE PLACED ON TWO WALLS IN THE NATATORIUM AT THE ADULT WELLNESS AND EDUCATION CENTER, 602 N. FINDLAY AVENUE.

BACKGROUND: The Norman Arts Council (NAC) Public Arts Committee selection panel led a selection process for mural artists at City facilities. The NAC selection committee recommended retaining two artists and a donation from both the NAC and the Norman Park Foundation combined to cover \$25,325 of the \$30,325 mural at the new Adult Wellness and Education Center.

DISCUSSION: Chapter 12, Section 12-110 states that the City Council must first accept any item donated to the City with a value above \$250. Furthermore, Chapter 2, Section 2-311 states that “the City shall accept all donations of public art, as defined herein, that are made in accordance with article I, section 4 of the Charter. . .” Article I, Section 4 of the City Charter allows that the “City may receive bequests, gifts, and donations of all kinds of property in fee simple or in trust for charitable or public purposes and perform all acts necessary to carry out the purposes of such bequests, gifts, donations or trusts, with power to manage, sell, lease or otherwise dispose of same in accordance with the terms of the bequest, gift, donation, or trust.”

The funding for the mural is coming through three initiatives: the Norman Arts Council (\$8,325), the Norman Park Foundation (\$17,000), and the Norman Forward Senior Wellness project (\$5,000), totaling \$30,325 for this Public Art project.

The proposed mural depicts a colorful outdoor scene with a sky and people enjoying outdoor spaces, adding vibrancy and energy to the space.

The selected mural artists, Tiffany McKnight and Aunj Braggs, are local Oklahoma artists and aim to have the mural finished by the facility’s grand opening on November 13, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends accepting the donation of \$25,325 for a mural to be placed on two walls in the natatorium at the Adult Wellness and Education Center at 602 N. Findlay Avenue.
