



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 2/22/2022

REQUESTER: Veronica Tracy, Recreation Manager

PRESENTER: Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF THE ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A DONATION OF REIMAGINED MURAL ENTITLED "PROMISED LAND" TO BE PLACED ON THE RETAINING WALL ALONG 12TH AVENUE N.E. AND ROCK CREEK ROAD.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Norman was approached by the Norman Arts Council regarding a mural commissioned initially in 2014 as part of the NAC's Start Norman Project. Originally installed on the side of "The Old Lumber Yard" building facing Webster Avenue, it was never intended to be a permanent installation. It was eventually disassembled and stored until Norman Arts Council could find a suitable location to re-install. Norman Arts Council has been working on options to preserve sections of the original piece and inquired about re-installing the preserved sections on the retaining wall along 12th Avenue NE and Rock Creek Road. This will be the first Public Art Board project for northeast Norman.

Both the Norman Public Arts Board and the Norman Arts Council have recommended that the City accept this donation.

DISCUSSION:

Chapter 8, Section 8-111 states that City Council must first accept any item donated to the City with a value above \$250. Furthermore, Chapter 4, Section 4-204 states that "the City shall accept all donations of public art, as defined herein, that are made in accordance with 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 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."

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City of Norman accept the donation of a re-installed along the retaining wall at 12th Avenue NE and Rock Creek Road mural entitled "Promised Land".