



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 08/13/2024

REQUESTER: Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

PRESENTER: Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF THE ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,855.00 FOR A MURAL TO BE PAINTED ON THE SOUTH EXTERIOR WALL AT THE NORMAN FIREHOUSE ARTS CENTER, LOCATED AT 444 SOUTH FLOOD AVENUE

BACKGROUND:

The Norman Firehouse Arts Center approached the City of Norman Parks and Recreation Department regarding a mural on the facility's south exterior wall in Lion's Park at 444 South Flood Avenue. The public art donation is valued at \$23,855 and is commissioned by the Firehouse Art Center Board of Directors.

In August of 2023, the City Council approved a separate mural painted on the exterior of the west side of the Firehouse Art Center. The mural is now known as "Huichol Boy" and was completed in October 2023.

The Norman Board of Park Commissioners unanimously recommended on August 6, 2024, that the City Council accept this donation for a mural on the south exterior wall at the Firehouse Art 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 the City to "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."

Project: Mural on the South Wall of Firehouse Art Center

The Firehouse Art Center has commissioned Carlos Barboza to produce a mural on the South Wall of our building at 444 South Flood Avenue, Norman, OK 73069. The mural will pay homage to the building's history as a Firestation and its current use as an art facility for the City of Norman. The installation would take approximately 14 days to complete (weather permitting). He will use the best quality enamel spray paint in the market (Montana Gold) to ensure the art remains vibrant and long-lasting. Also, he will be applying a clear-coat UV/Graffiti application to preserve the mural. The Parks and Recreation Department would assist by loaning their lift to complete the mural. In total, this donation is \$23,855.00.

This is a \$23,855.00 Public Art donation at the Firehouse Art Center building at 444 South Flood Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance of the Public Art donation valued at \$23,855.00 for a Mural to be Painted on the Southside of the Firehouse Art Center.