



Wylie City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Department: Public Art

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Subject

Consider, and act upon, a recommendation to the Wylie City Council for the final artist and design for Fire Station #4 Public Art Project at a cost not to exceed \$81,000.

Recommendation

Motion to approve the item as presented.

Discussion

The Public Arts Advisory Board issued a Call for Artists for the new WFR Fire Station #4, to be located at 3200 McMillen, Wylie. The art site will be directly in front of the facility. The total budget for the project is \$81,000 including materials, artist fees, fabrication and other costs related to the contract. The theme chosen by the Fire Station staff is “NEVER FORGET” honoring the 343 firefighters killed during the Twin Towers rescue and recovery effort. This is the 20th Anniversary of this horrendous event.

The board received 75 submissions for this project. The Public Arts Advisory Board appointed a selection committee to review the submissions and choose 2-3 semi-finalists for the project. The semi-final artists were asked to come to the City to view the site and tour the City. They also attended a Public Art Input meeting to hear from the public regarding art for this site. On July 15, 2021, the artists completed their proposals and presented them to both the Selection Panel and the Public Arts Advisory Board. Selection Committee members included: Captain Andrew Johnson, WFR committee member; Margaret Illingworth, art major/curator/Wylie citizen; Shawn Denny, graphic artist/Wylie citizen; Karen and Robert Nitz, artists/citizen (ETJ); Michael Schwerin, Public Arts Board; Kylie Reising, Wylie citizen; and Mindy Manson, former PAAB administrator.

Terrance Martin was unanimously chosen as the final artist for the project at an artist fee of \$81,000. The committee and board felt his proposal, “NEVER FORGET” best suited site-specific needs, the theme, and the intent of the project.

The proposed artwork is made from 6061 Aluminum Alloy and specific techniques used in the fabrication of the Artwork will include: Airbrush painting, lost wax casting, TIG welding, and CNC Cut, Powder coated clear. The base will be Texas certified by a structural engineer. Surrounding the art piece will be a pond with bridges made of aluminum for visitors to cross. Pieces of the actual remains of the twin towers will be installed within the circular openings for visitors to touch. Surrounding the pond area will be a circular cement area depicting the pentagon. Sidewalks will be installed by the station contractors to enter the design from the building.

Artist Terrance Martin is present via Zoom to present his project. The Public Arts Advisory Board is recommending approval of this proposal and contract. The City Attorney has reviewed the contract prior to presentation.

Financial Summary/Strategic Goals

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