



Public Arts Advisory Board

AGENDA REPORT

Department: Public Art
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Account Code: 175-5175 land betterment

Subject

Consider, and act upon, the approval of the Municipal Walking Trails, Phase 3 (2) artist design by Seth Vandable at a cost not to exceed \$60,000, the approval of a contract to commission the art, and authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents.

Recommendation

Motion to approve the Item as presented.

Discussion

The Municipal Walking Trails, Phase 3 will consist of two sculptures depicting the white tail deer by Sonny Behan and a second, by artist Seth Vandable. Artist Vandable has created the Caddo Native American hunter. Seth is a local artist from Cedar Hill and competed with 35 other artists.

There were a few tribes that hunted the white tail deer in this area of the Backland Prairie. The Caddo, Wichita, and Comanche were prominent tribes in the Blackland Prairie. Other groups such as the Tonkawa, Kiowa, Osage, Kickapoo, Delaware (Lenape), Waco, Shawnee, Kichai, Tawakoni, and Anadarko also inhabited or traversed the region, contributing to its rich cultural mosaic and diverse ecological heritage. They would use prairie burns to attract and see their prey.

Vandable has taken time to research the Caddo hunter and to depict him in his historical native dress. The hunter is positioned for the kill, to provide food and other needed items for his family and the tribe.

Both sculptures presented tonight are funded by our bi-annual festivals.

Artist Seth Vandable is here to present "Prairie Hunter" to the Council.

The City attorney has reviewed the contract prior to presentation.