



Wylie City Council

AGENDA REPORT

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Subject

Presentation regarding the selection process and theme for the Municipal Complex Walking Trails.

Recommendation

Discussion

As part of the Parks and Rec master plan, the Public Arts Advisory Board and Wylie Parks and Recreation Board have recommended moving forward with a project to place art along the Municipal Complex walking trails to celebrate the "History of the Blackland Prairie."

The multi-year project, with 1-2 sites chosen each year, will depict the rich history of the Blackland Prairie which once was a prominent feature of our landscape, including the Municipal Complex Grounds. The art will provide a history over the past 15,000 years including Native Americans who camped and hunted in the area. Installations will also include animals that live on our grounds and those that no longer roam the area like Bison. Prairie grasses and flowers that grow in the area may also be depicted.

The project will be funded from special events revenue. Plaques will be placed at each site explaining the history behind each piece of art. Otocast will provide audio information from the artist that can be downloaded by visitors to take a virtual tour.

The project will begin by presenting a "Call for Artist" to design and fabricate a park entry piece of art. This will be located at the fork in the trail behind City Hall. Completion is scheduled for mid-2023.

Financial Summary/Strategic Goals