

## Wylie City Council AGENDA REPORT

Department:

Public Arts / Advisory Board

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## Subject

Consider, and act upon, a recommendation to the Wylie City Council for the final design "Heart of Wylie" by Shea Ameen and the fabrication of a mural to be located at 104 S. Ballard, Block 4, Lot 3 Keller's Addition, north-facing exterior wall; and an agreement between the City of Wylie and Collin County Community College (Quad C) in the amount of \$5,000 to provide scholarships to students majoring in art studies, and authorizing the City Manager to execute any necessary documents.

## Recommendation

A motion to approve the final design "Heart of Wylie" and a contract between the City of Wylie and Collin County Community College in the amount of \$5,000, for the fabrication of a mural to be located at 104 S. Ballard, north-facing exterior wall, and authorizing the City Manager to execute any necessary documents.

## Discussion

The Wylie Public Arts Advisory Board has recommended more art in Wylie's Historic Downtown area. The idea was to place art where visitors to the downtown area could take a photo or just enjoy the art as they shop.

In the summer of 2020, staff and PAAB chair Schwerin and vice chair Courtney met with Erika McIlnay, Art Coordinator for Quad C, Wylie Campus to discuss a joint effort to allow students to be involved in the art process. A request for student designs was made and a selection committee made up of citizens and artists reviewed the submissions and unanimously chose the "Heart to Wylie" by Shea Ameen. Shea is an art major a Quad C.

In return for the fabrication of the 60' x 12' wall, the City has agreed to pay \$5,000 to be used for scholarships for students studying the arts. Ms. Ameen will receive the first scholarship of \$500 for her design. All materials are being donated by Roger and Karen Nitz (professional artists that competed the wall facing Olde City Park). Mr. Nitz will additionally provide a lecture for the art students and will be onsite with the students and instructors during the fabrication.

Fabrication will begin March 8, 2021 and be completed by March 12, 2021, barring any weather issues. Payment will be made upon completion and inspection of the mural. The contract and lease agreement for Colton Tapp, owner of the property, and insurance policies from Quad C naming both the property owner, City, and vacant lot owner where the students will be working as additional insured are attached.

Erika McIlnay and Shea Ameen are both in attendance tonight.