



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Austin Arts Commission

FROM: Sara L. Hensley, CPRP, Director
Austin Parks and Recreation

DATE: March 7, 2016

SUBJECT: Deaccession of "Unity: The Tree of Life" at Dove Springs Recreation Center

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends the deaccession of the "Unity: The Tree of Life" mural that was created for the Dove Springs Recreation Center in 1998. As shown in the AIPP Proposal for Treatment of Existing Artwork Report, the mural is found to be in poor condition. There is significant dirt build up, graffiti, fading of the paint and water damage.

With the upcoming expansion project at this Center, the space where the mural is on display will no longer function as a television room. The space will be renovated to accommodate both additional storage for the adjacent arts room and work stations for public use. In addition, windows will be installed on one exterior wall to allow for natural lighting. These renovations are more consistent with the programming functions of the Recreation Center, and are more appropriate for a lobby space near the primary building entry.

In order to renovate this space, regardless of whether the function changes or not, the drywall will need to be replaced to abate the water damage. Therefore, PARD contends that deaccession is the best option.

Thank you for considering this request.

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