



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1741, **Agenda Item #:** 24.

6/20/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Agustina Rodriguez, for artwork for the Montopolis Recreation and Community Center Project, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.

Lead Department

Economic Development.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$78,252 for artwork for the Montopolis Recreation and Community Center Project is available in the Parks and Recreation Department's Capital Budget and \$11,748 in the Austin Public Health's Capital Budget.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

On May 6th, 2019, the Art in Public Places (AIPP) Panel approved the Selection Process Recommendation for the Montopolis Recreation and Community Center AIPP Project Phase II Exterior Sculpture opportunity, naming Agustina Rodriguez as the selected artist and Luis Gutierrez as the alternate artist. (Motion by Polgar, second by Garza; approved 9-0; Fonte and Latouf absent). On May 20th, 2019 Arts Commission approved the Selection Process Recommendation, naming Agustina Rodriguez as the selected artist and Luis Gutierrez as the alternate artist. (Motion by Polgar, second by Garza; approved 9-0; Fonte and Latouf absent).

Additional Backup Information:

AIPP, of the Cultural Arts Division, Economic Development Department sought to commission a professional visual artist to design, fabricate and install artwork to be located in an exterior area located in the plaza near the front entrance and working in collaboration with project stakeholders and City staff. The total budget available for this project is \$90,000.

The opportunity was open to visual artists, or artist teams, at least 18 years of age who live and work in Williamson, Travis, Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Burnet and Blanco counties to create artwork that incorporates colors, imagery and themes that reflect the aesthetic qualities of the community; through community engagement, suggests the future aspirations of the residents of the Montopolis neighborhood; and responds to the story of the facility from 1971 to present and the activism of the surrounding community.

On April 6, 2019, the Selection Team reviewed the 25 applications. The Selection Team recommended Agustina Rodriguez as the selected artist and Luis Gutierrez as the alternate.

Selection Panel:

Jill Ramirez, Serie Project, Austin
Adrian Aguilera, Visual Artist, Austin
Claudia Gamundi, Visual Artist, Austin

Fidenco Duran, Principal Artist, Montopolis Recreation and Community Center
Alberto Mejia, Senior Director of Community Programs, Creative Action

The selection team included:

Susana Almanza, Montopolis Neighborhood Association

David Smythe-Macaulay, Project Manager, City of Austin Public Works

Brent Barns, AIPP Panel liaison