



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3469, **Agenda Item #:** 6.

11/15/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Christine Rojek Sculpture for artwork for the Corridor Construction Program Spicewood Springs Road Art in Public Places project, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$182,000.

Lead Department :

Economic Development.

Fiscal Note :

Funding in the amount of \$182,000 derived from the 2016 Mobility Bond is available in the capital improvement budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

For More Information:

Sylvia Holt-Rabb, Acting Director, Economic Development Department, 512-974-3131 and Constance White, Program Manager, Art in Public Places (AIPP) Program, 512-974-7852.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

On July 11, 2022, the AIPP Panel unanimously approved the selection process recommendation of Christine Rojek Sculpture as the recommended artist and Official Science as the recommended alternate for the Corridor Construction Program Spicewood Springs Road AIPP project. Panel Member Muzacz motioned approval and Panel Member Carr seconded (5-0-0). Panel members Nolan and Lemmo were absent.

On July 18, 2022, the Austin Arts Commission unanimously approved the selection process recommendation of Christine Rojek Sculpture as the recommended artist and Official Science as the recommended alternate for the Corridor Construction Program Spicewood Springs Road AIPP project. The motion to approve the item on consent was approved on Commissioner Polgar's motion, Commissioner Castillo's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Barnes, Flores, Garza, and Keeton absent.

Additional Backup Information:

AIPP, of the Cultural Arts Division, Economic Development Department (EDD), sought to commission local professional visual artist to design, fabricate and install artwork for the Corridor Construction Program Spicewood Springs Road AIPP project. The budget for this artwork is \$182,000 all-inclusive of artist time, design, insurance, and all fabrication and installation related costs.

The goal of the project is to commission an Austin-based artist and/or artist team who, in collaboration with City staff and community stakeholders, will design artwork that integrates with the Corridor Construction Program improvements taking place at Spicewood Springs Road. The artwork should also respect wildlife and integrate with the natural beauty of the corridor. The artist will collaborate with community stakeholders, the project team and City staff to design and create artwork that adds additional value to the site.

On February 1, 2022, an opt-in Request for Qualifications was distributed to 115 prequalified artists in the Corridor Construction Program AIPP Artist Pool. An Artist Info Meeting was held via Zoom on February 9, 2022. 39 artists applied via a Microsoft Forms application by the close date of February 17, 2022. 37 of the

artists who opted in were eligible.

On June 30, 2022, city staff and the Jury met via an online Zoom meeting and reviewed artist applications for the opportunity. Upon review of the applicants, the Jury recommended artist Christine Rojek to be commissioned for the Spicewood Springs Road opportunity, and Official Science as the alternate. The selection of the artists and artist teams was based on whose qualifications best met the requirements for the project.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Culture and Lifelong Learning, Government That Works For All. Mobility.