



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2408, **Agenda Item #:** 11.

8/31/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Brittany Johnson for artwork for the Montopolis Neighborhood Park Pool Art in Public Places Project, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Lead Department

Economic Development.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$100,000 is available in the capital improvement budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

For More Information:

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

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 12, 2022 - Arts Commission Liaison Gray made a motion to approve the prospectus. Art in Public Places (AIPP) Panel Member Lemmo seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0-0. Vice Chair Jacob Villanueva and Panel Member J Muzacz were absent. (Item 7a)

September 19, 2022 - Arts Commissioner Gray made a motion to approve the prospectus on consent. Commissioner Flores seconded the motion. Motions approved 7-0. Commissioners Barnes, Garza, and Schmalbach absent. (Item 14)

April 3, 2023 - AIPP Panel Member Carr motioned to approve the Recommended Artists for the Montopolis and Sheffield Park Pools AIPP Projects. Panel Member Muzacz seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0. Panel Member Muzacz seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0. (Item 11)

April 17, 2023 - Arts Commissioner Zisman made a motion to approve the Selection Process for the Montopolis Park Pool AIPP project. Commissioner Mok seconded the motion. Motion failed 5-1-0. Commissioner Schmalbach - was off the dais. (Item 18)

May 15, 2023 - Arts Commissioner Gray made a motion to approve the Selection Process for the Montopolis Park Pool AIPP project. Commissioner Csillagi seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0. Commissioner was off the dais. (Item 11).

Additional Backup Information:

AIPP of the Cultural Arts Division, Economic Development Department, sought to commission local professional visual artist to design, fabricate and install artwork for the Montopolis Neighborhood Park Pool AIPP Project. The budget for this artwork is \$100,000 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 new Montopolis Park Pool site. The artwork should also be consistent and mindful of the values of the nearby Montopolis community.

On September 27, 2022, a Request for Qualifications opened to eligible visual artists and artist teams over 18 years of age who live and/or work in Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties. Artist outreach included an in-person artist information meeting held on October 11, 2022, later available online, information posted on the AIPP website, announcements in AIPP and Cultural Arts Division newsletters and on social media, direct emails to past applicants, and arts and cultural City leaders as well as both public and private arts and culture organizations.

On March 21, 2023, the jury reviewed 46 applications and recommended Brittany Johnson as the recommended artist and Anna Salinas' team as the recommended alternate artist.

Jurors

- Courtney Peterson - Austin-based (District 3) previously commissioned AIPP visual artist
- Zach Munoz - Marmon Mok Architects
- Daniel Arredondo - Austin-based (District 7) visual artist

Project Advisors

- Susana Almanza - Montopolis Neighborhood Association/Director, PODER (District 3)
- Jennifer Shell - Montopolis Community member
- Alejandro Hernandez, Austin Parks Foundation

City of Austin Project Advisors

- Leslie Perez, Project Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Department
- Mark Vasquez, Program Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Department
- Aylin Ortiz, Comm. Engagement Specialist, Parks and Recreation
- Ashley Wells, Program Manager, Aquatics, Parks and Recreation.