



Public Works Department

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TO: Visual Arts Committee

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SUBJECT: Public Art—Evelyn Park, Project 21-60

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize a web posting of a "Call for Artists" for the Evelyn Park Public Art project.

BACKGROUND

The proposed 0.68-acre park site located on Evelyn Avenue, near the border of Mountain View and Sunnyvale, was dedicated to the City for park use by the 525 East Evelyn Avenue development project. On May 9, 2023, the City Council approved a Conceptual Plan and selected the park name "Evelyn Park." The Council Policy regarding Public Art provides for 2% of the construction budget be set aside for public art, which, in this case, is \$30,000.

The Conceptual Plan includes the following:

- A lawn with mound;
- A raised seat wall planter with Specimen Oak;
- Log piling climbing structure, raised hut play structure, and log stepper;
- A plaza area; and
- Picnic tables and benches.

ANALYSIS

Several art opportunities exist on the site. Figure 1 shows the approved concept for Evelyn Park and suggested areas where art can be located.



Figure 1: Approved Concept for Evelyn Park and Potential Art Locations

Art proposals should include a color sketch or photo, title, description, cost, fabrication schedule, and special requirements. Based on the proposal and costs, the Visual Arts Committee (VAC) could select a single art piece or multiple art pieces within the budget. The budget includes cost for installation by the artist and any required building permits.

ART SCHEDULE

Based on the design schedule for the park, final decisions on the art selection should be made no later than the November 2023 VAC meeting, and the recommendation will be presented to the City Council for approval in December 2023. The design consultant will incorporate the approved public art in the construction documents for coordination between the artist and park construction contractor. The new park will bid in spring 2024 and open fall 2024.

The art schedule is as follows:

September 8, 2023 Artist proposal deadline

September 22, 2023 Deadline for VAC to jury proposals

October 11, 2023 VAC meeting to make artist selection

December 2023 Council approves art recommendation

Summer 2024 Art installation

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