



DATE: June 30, 2020

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Community Development

TITLE: **Public Art Approval for Pyramid Park, Project 17-34**

RECOMMENDATION

Select the Adrian Litman “Shoreline Wonders—Monarch Butterflies and Bees” corten steel art sculpture as the second piece of public art for Pyramid Park, Project 17-34.

BACKGROUND

Pyramid Park is a 2.76-acre park site dedicated to the City for park use by the developers of 100 and 420 to 430 Ferguson Drive residential projects. In October 2019, Council directed staff to work with the Visual Arts Committee (VAC) to provide recommendations for public art in accordance with Council Policy K-5 and the 2 percent of the construction budget option. VAC provided Pyramid Park public art recommendations at the April 14, 2020 City Council meeting for two sculptures by Adrian Litman entitled “Magic Birds” and “Shoreline Wonders” (Attachment 1). The cost for the two sculptures, \$50,000, is within the 2 percent option of the park construction budget. Council approved “Magic Birds” without any changes and directed staff to work with the artist and the VAC to revise “Shoreline Wonders.”

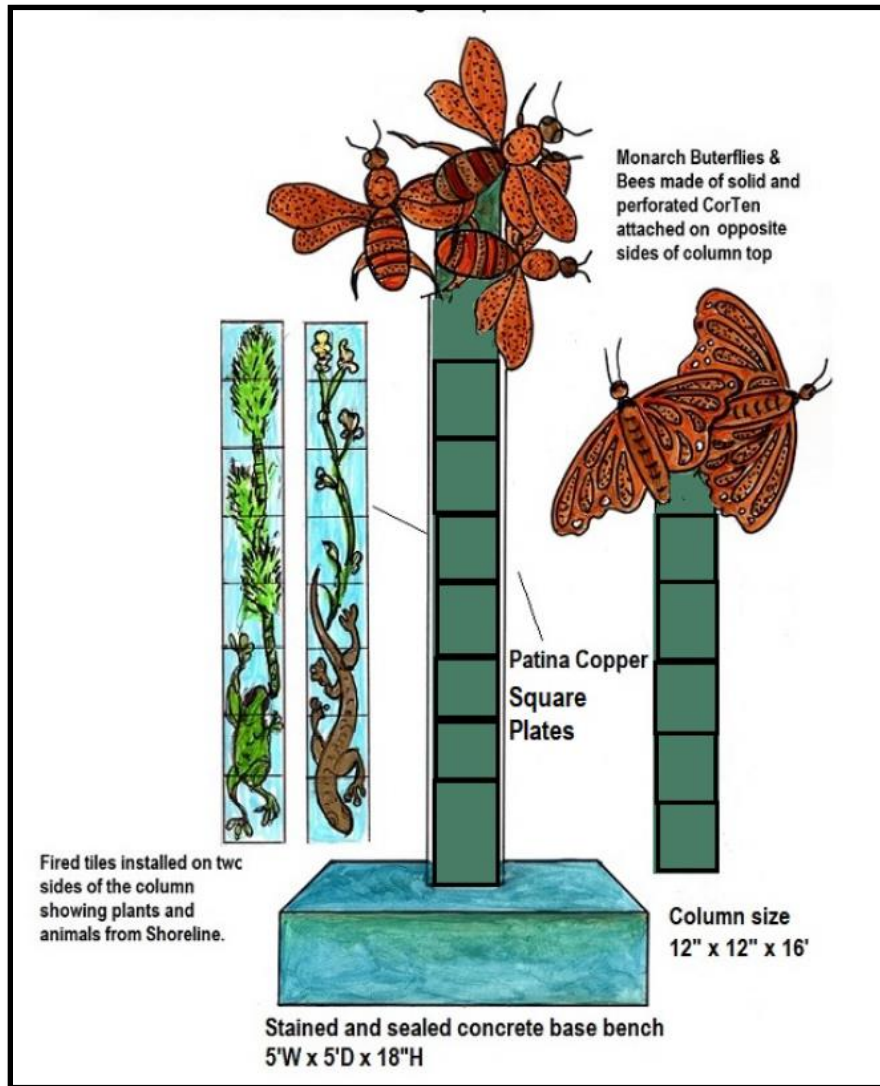
ANALYSIS

Per City Council direction, staff worked with Adrian Litman to submit two revised “Shoreline Wonders” proposals for consideration, “Monarch Butterflies and Bees” and “Jack Rabbit and Sierran Tree Frogs,” with two material options—stainless steel or corten steel (Attachment 2). Corten steel is a material designed to oxidize on the surface creating a protective layer from rain. The cost of the sculpture remains the same as the original proposal: \$20,000.

At the May 13, 2020 VAC meeting, the VAC reviewed the revised proposals (Attachment 3) and recommended the “Shoreline Wonders—Monarch Butterflies and Bees” corten steel art sculpture (Figure 1 – VAC Recommended Proposal) for approval

with two modifications: soften the look of the bees and remove the bench so the sculpture can be integrated within the park. The VAC selected this design because it was reflective of the Mountain View ecosystem.

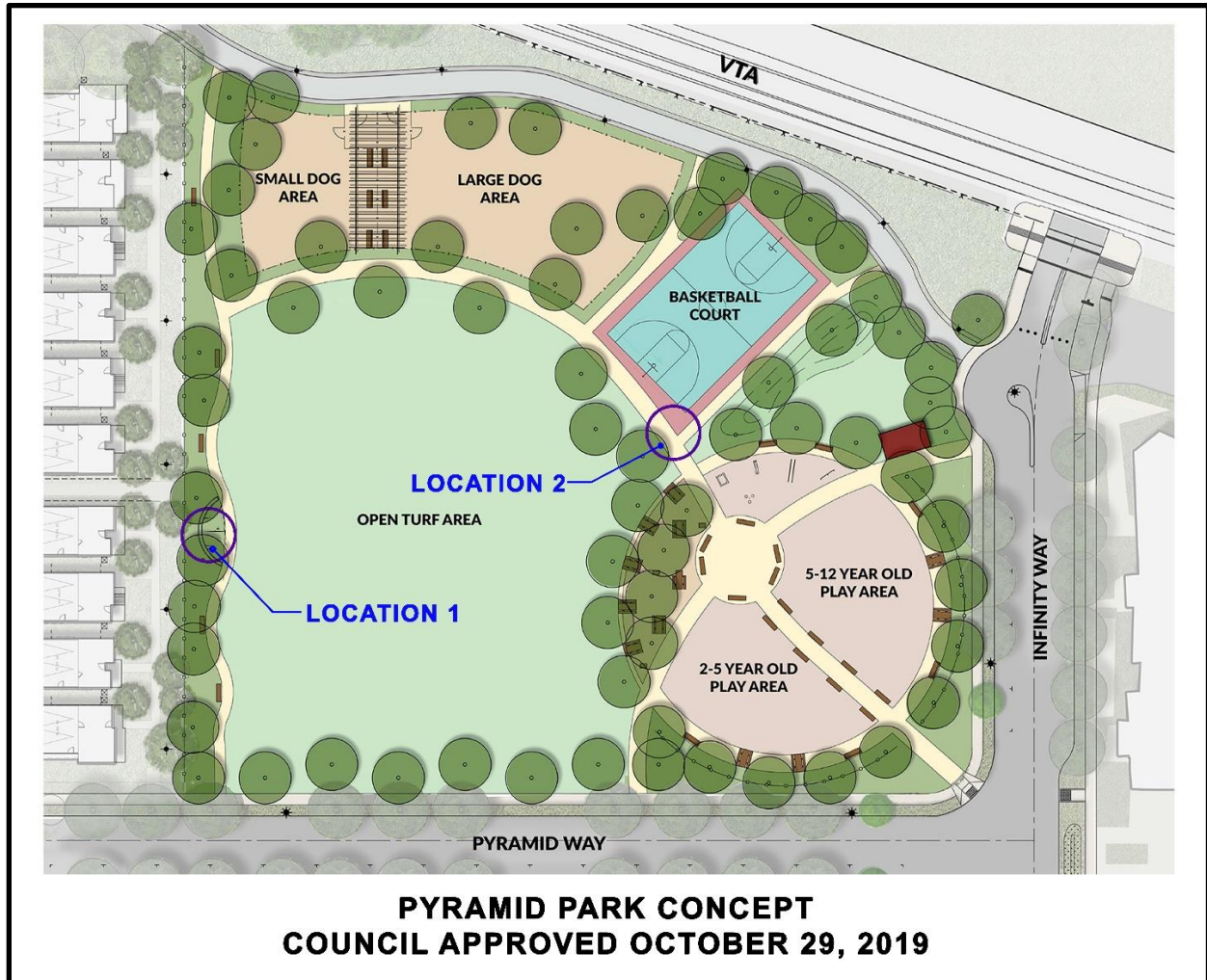
Figure 1: VAC Recommended Proposal



In addition, the VAC also recommended two locations for the public art sculptures (Figure 2—VAC Preferred Locations for Public Art) but directed staff to work with Adrian Litman in finalizing the details, including a final location for each sculpture. Location 1 will install a sculpture as a column on a concrete pad and have a half-circle off the pathway with a seat wall. The tree planting will be modified to maintain a clear

view surrounding the sculpture. Meanwhile, Location 2 will incorporate a sculpture on a concrete pad at the edge of the concrete pathway.

Figure 2: VAC Preferred Locations for Public Art



FISCAL IMPACT

The budget for the “Shoreline Wonders—Monarch Butterflies and Bees” sculpture is \$20,000 and is included in the construction budget of Pyramid Park, Project 17-34, under the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Capital Improvement Program. Following City Council approval of the project’s construction budget, an artist agreement will be prepared and executed.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Select another Adrian Litman proposal.
2. Provide other direction.

PUBLIC NOTICING

The City Council meeting agenda and report have been posted on the City's website and announced on Chanel 26 cable television. This public art project was discussed and recommended for City Council approval at the May 13, 2020 VAC meeting.

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- Attachments:
1. April 14, 2020 Council Report
 2. Revised Adrian Litman "Shoreline Wonders" Proposals
 3. May 13, 2020 VAC Staff Report