



CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

MEMORANDUM

Community Development Department

DATE: May 13, 2020

TO: Visual Arts Committee

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SUBJECT: Pyramid Park, CIP Project 17-34 – Art Proposal Selection Process Update

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Visual Arts Committee (VAC) an update on the artist proposals submitted for Pyramid Park and discuss potential recommendations for the City Council.

BACKGROUND

The Mora Park and Pyramid Park public art selection process began in November 2019 with a request for public art proposals for each park under the Council Policy K-5 budget of a 1 percent and a 2 percent option. The City accepted proposals through mid-January 2020. Ten (10) artists responded to Mora Park, and 11 artists responded to Pyramid Park. At the February 2020 VAC meeting, the VAC reviewed and ranked the proposals based upon quality, durability, and functionality. The VAC also requested additional information about design and functionality from the top-ranking artists and asked staff to return in March with the information. At the March 2020 VAC meeting, the VAC reviewed additional information provided by the top-ranking artists and recommended Angelina Duckett for Mora Park and Adrian Litman for Pyramid Park.

At their April 14, 2020 meeting, Council reviewed the VAC public art recommendations (Attachment 1). Council approved the Mora Park public art at a 2 percent budget—Angelina Duckett’s “Orchards” mosaic bench. Meanwhile, Council approved the 2 percent option for Pyramid Parking with the Adrian Litman proposals, “Magic Birds” and “Shoreline Wonders,” but directed staff to work with the VAC to modify the “Shoreline Wonders” proposal and return to Council with a revised recommendation.

ANALYSIS

Adrian Litman submitted two modified proposals, each with two options (See Figure 1 through Figure 4). The following pages include the new proposal with the modifications that were submitted by the artist. The estimated cost of the sculpture remains the same as what was originally proposed (\$20,000 for “Shoreline Wonders”). Staff also provided a map with potential locations for the proposals.

Figure 1: Monarch Butterflies and Bees in CorTen and Copper

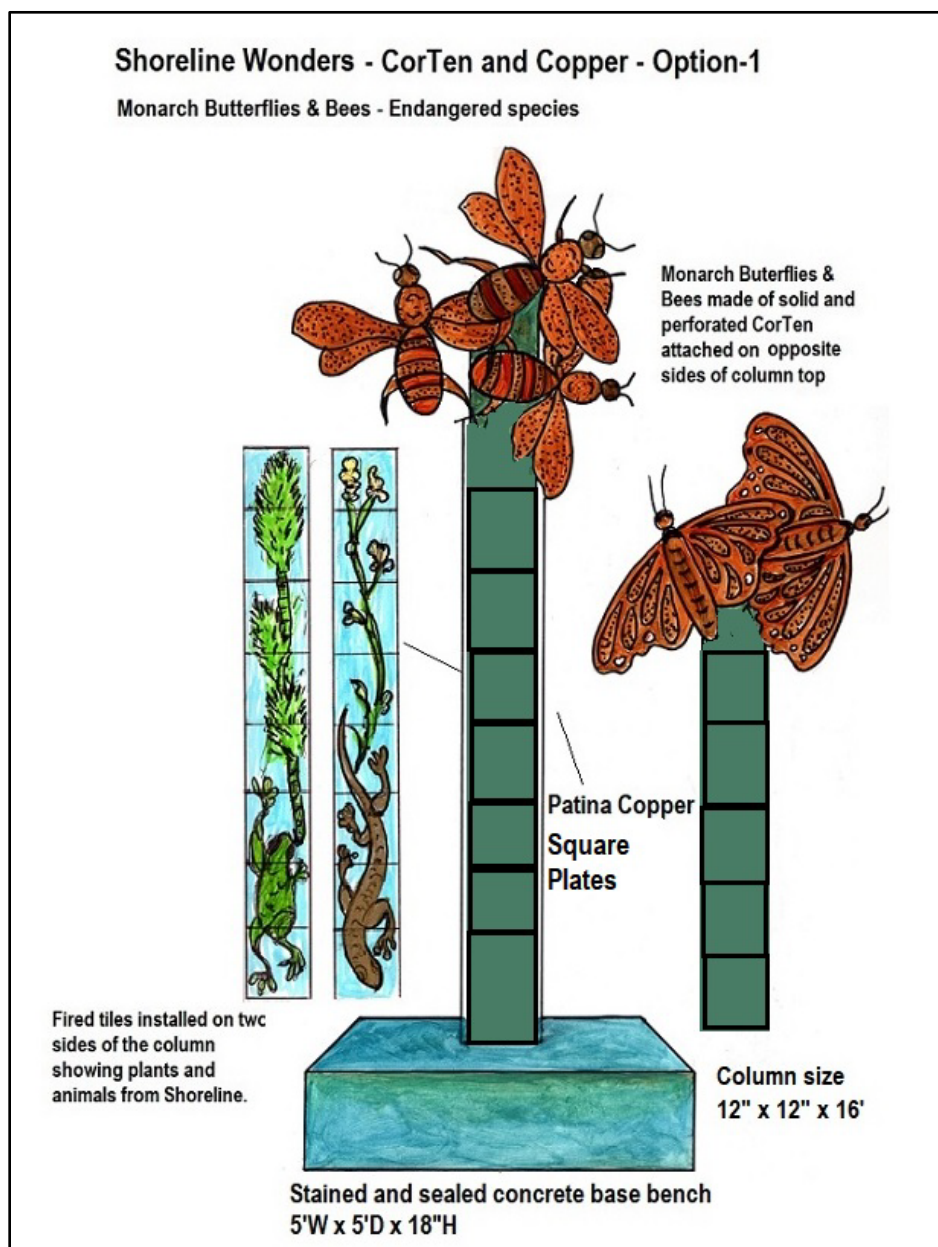


Figure 2: Monarch Butterflies and Bees in CorTen and Stainless Steel

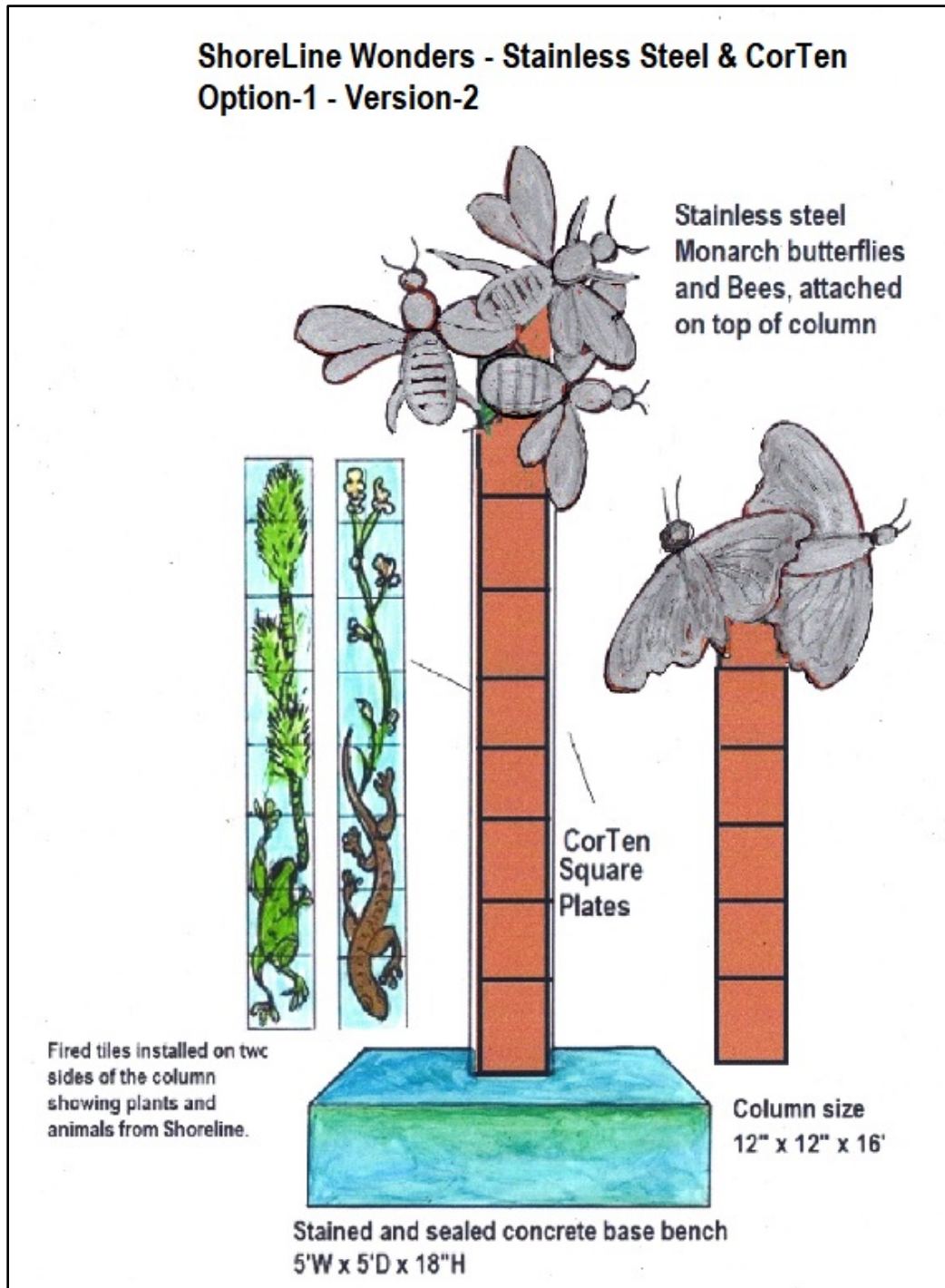


Figure 3: Jack Rabbit and Sierran Tree Frogs in CorTen and Copper

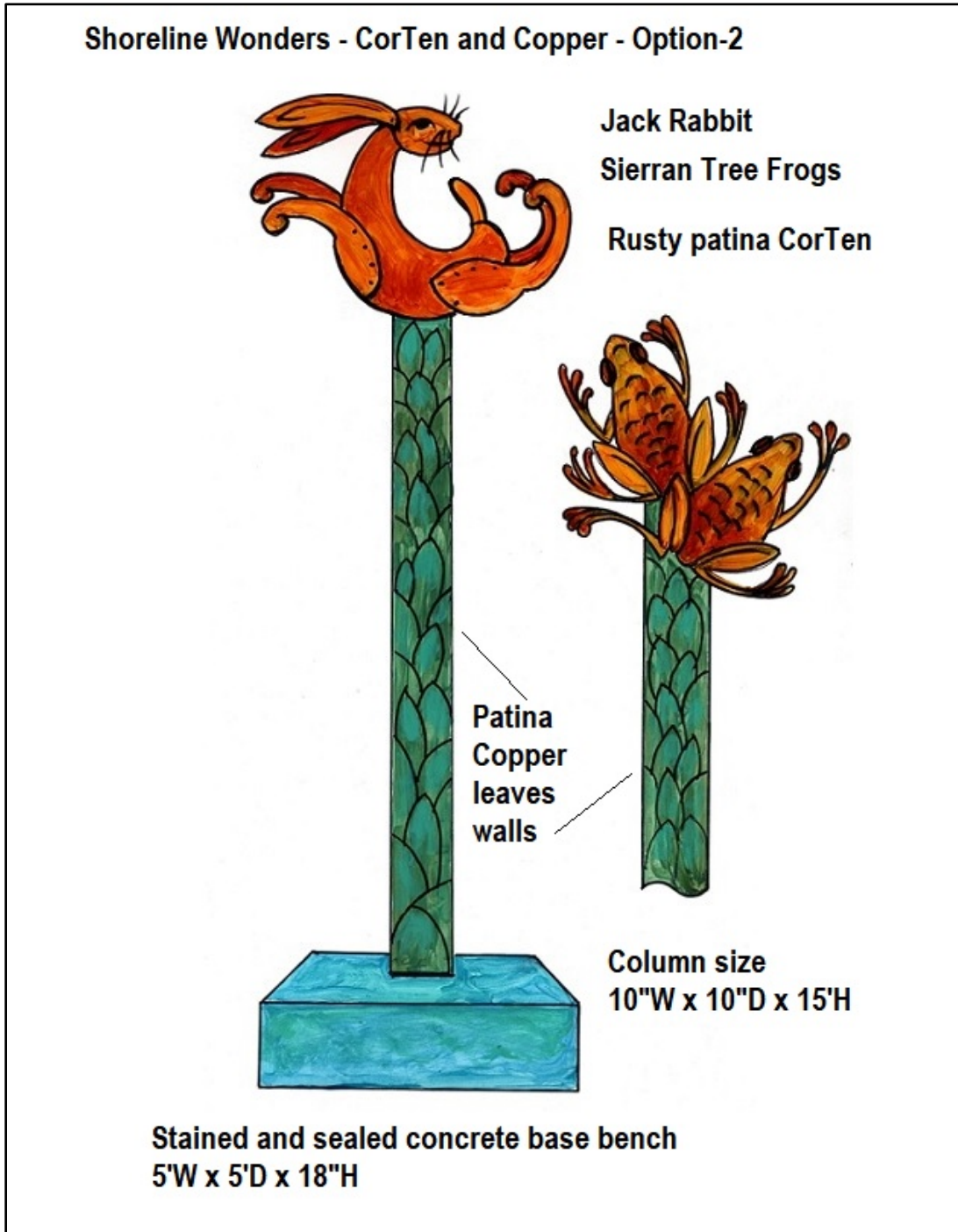
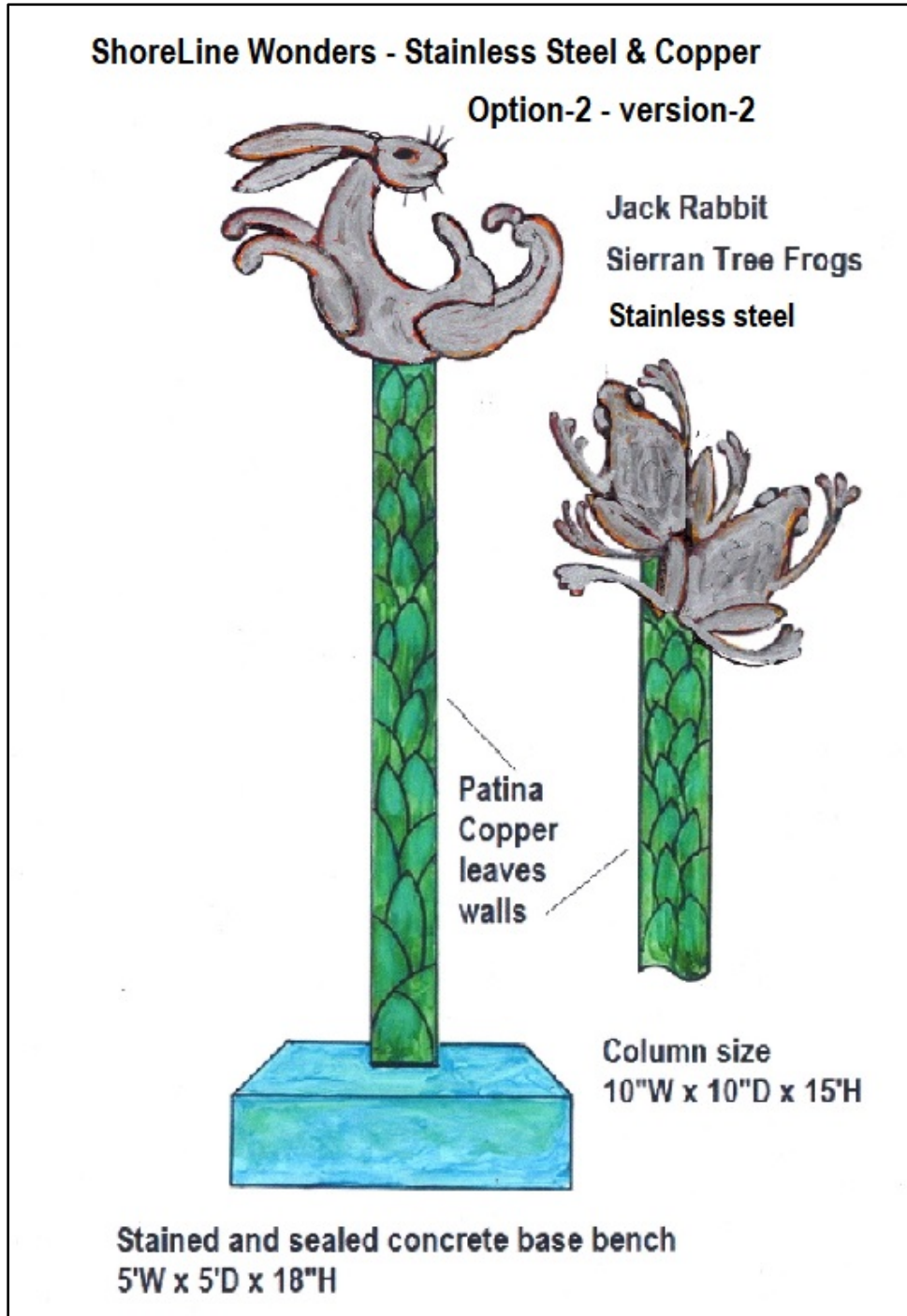


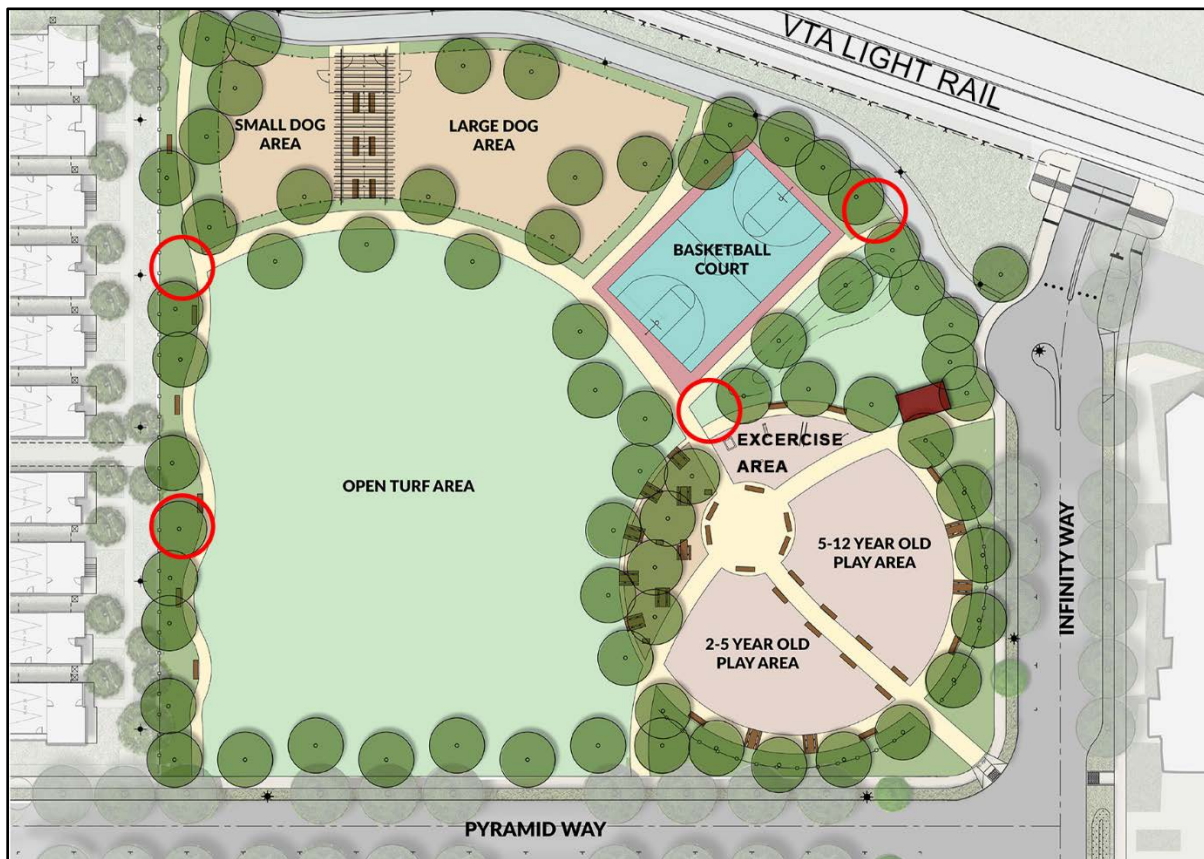
Figure 4: Jack Rabbit and Sierran Tree Frogs in CorTen and Stainless Steel



Location within Pyramid Park

Council also discussed the location of the two sculptures within Pyramid Park. Figure 5 provides potential locations for the bench within the park for consideration by the VAC. The VAC may highlight specific locations as preferred locations for placing the sculptures.

Figure 5: Pyramid Park Approved Concept – Art Opportunities



NEXT STEPS

Staff recommends the VAC provide direction on the proposals. The VAC may select one preferred proposal from Adrian Litman to move forward for City Council consideration in June 2020. However, if the VAC does not support these proposals, the VAC may request that the artist make additional revisions for discussion at the next VAC meeting.

The VAC may also provide a recommendation related to the location of the art pieces within Pyramid Park.

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Attachment: 1. [April 14, 2020 City Council Report](#)