



DATE: October 12, 2021

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Community Development

TITLE: **Public Art Approval for Fayette Park**

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Colin Selig biomorphic art sculptures—two squirrels and one lizard—for Fayette Park, Project 20-48, for \$26,000.

BACKGROUND

On April 13, 2021, the City Council approved conceptual plans for construction of Fayette Park. Fayette Park is a 0.45-acre park site located on Fayette Drive, between Del Medio Avenue and San Antonio Road, and was dedicated to the City for park use by the developers of the 400 San Antonio Road development project. At the time of approval, Council directed staff to work with the Visual Arts Committee (VAC) to provide recommendations for public art options at 1% of the construction budget, compliant with Council Policy K-5 (Attachment 1), and 2% of the construction budget.

ANALYSIS

Council requested an art piece and location of art be incorporated into the park design. Figure 1 shows the approved concept for Fayette Park, which includes a lawn and play area, a bosque (a group of trees that provides a shaded gathering space) and picnic area, a large specimen oak tree with a seat wall, and a plaza entry off Fayette Drive. The budget for art at Fayette Park is \$13,000 at 1% and \$26,000 at 2%.



Figure 1: Fayette Park Approved Concept

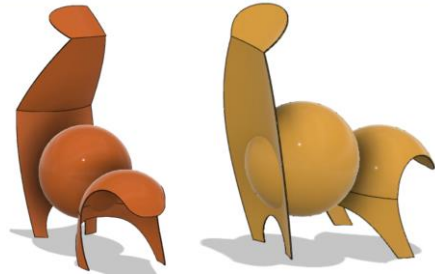

VAC Review and Recommendation

On May 12, 2021, the VAC discussed the Fayette Park project and recommended staff issue a Call for Artists for public art proposals for 1% and/or 2% budget options. The VAC also encouraged artists to incorporate thematic elements that highlight the unique features of the park – the bosque or the large specimen oak tree with a seat wall. The Call for Artists was issued on June 1, 2021 with a deadline of June 28, 2021. Nineteen (19) eligible proposals were submitted for Fayette Park. Proposals ranged from \$9,500 to \$120,000.

At the August 11, 2021 VAC meeting, proposals were reviewed and ranked with consideration given to suitability, cost, and durability for an outdoor public park setting. The VAC requested staff to return to the September 8, 2021 meeting with additional information about the top three proposals from Andrew Kovacs, Colin Selig, and Daniel Tran.

At the September 8, 2021 meeting, the VAC reviewed additional information and recommended Colin Selig's public art proposal for Fayette Park. The VAC selected the Colin Selig art sculptures because of the whimsical theme and how they complement the park design and enhance the bosque and seating area. Table 1 below summarizes the VAC recommendation. Staff recommends proceeding with the 2% option, which can be accommodated within the construction budget.

Table 1: Summary of VAC Recommendations for Fayette Park

	Description
1% Budget under Council Policy K-5	Budget: \$13,000 Climbable biomorphic art sculptures – two squirrels (3'x6'x6' tall) 
2% Budget Option	Budget: \$26,000 Climbable biomorphic art sculptures – two squirrels (3'x6'x6' tall) and one lizard (5'x10'x3' tall) 

The biomorphic art sculptures will be unique designs for the park with minimal maintenance. They are made from curved steel with a wall thickness of one-quarter inch (1/4"). The parts are seamed-welded together, creating a sturdy structure. The VAC directed the artist to use earth-tone colors, and the final color selection will be made by the artist in collaboration with the design team. A quality powder coating is added to the structure for durability and protection from outdoor elements. The sculptures are bolted down to a 4" thick concrete footing pad at grade level, and the pad will be formed in coordination with the park's construction. Figure 2 shows the proposed locations for the three sculptures numbered 1, 2, and 3 – at the edge of the lawn, in the bosque, and in the picnic area. The location of the art sculptures will complement the seating areas.



Figure 2: Location of the Three Sculptures

Next Steps

If Council approves the recommendation or the alternatives, staff will execute an agreement with Colin Selig, and the installation can be completed in time for the opening and dedication of the new park, which is anticipated to be toward the end of 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT

The budget for Fayette Park includes 1% of the construction budget for public art consistent with Council Policy K-5. The 2% option would increase the public art budget by \$13,000 (from \$13,000 to \$26,000) and can be accommodated within the approved construction budget.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Select the 1% option Colin Selig biometric art sculptures – two squirrels (\$13,000). If this option is selected, the two sculptures would be located at locations 2 and 3 in Figure 2.
2. Do not select an option and direct staff to issue a new Call for Artists to obtain additional art options for VAC to review and recommend to Council.
3. Provide other direction.

PUBLIC NOTICING

The Council meeting agenda and Council report have been posted on the City's website and announced on Channel 26 cable television. This public art project was discussed and recommended for Council approval at the September 8, 2021 VAC meeting.

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- Attachments: 1. Council Policy K-5
2. Call for Artists – Fayette Park