



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: San Antonio Arts Commission

DIVISION: Public Art San Antonio

MANAGER: James LeFlore

COUNCIL DISTRICT IMPACT(S): 5

SUBJECT: Elmendorf Lake Public Art Project

ACTION TYPE: Artist Selection

SUMMARY:

This item is to approve the artist recommendation for 2012-2017 Bond project for the District 5 Elmendorf Lake. Artist recommendation: pre-qualified artist team David Dahlquist.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As the result of the City of San Antonio's 2012-2017 Bond Program, the Elmendorf Lake in District 5 has been identified as a public art opportunity. On April 2, 2015 PASA completed the process to update new additions to the public art pre-qualified roster. In September PASA established an artist selection panel of four panelists: Bill Pennell, COSA Parks and Recreation Department; Deborah Vasquez, District 5 art professional; Abigail Rodriguez, Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee, District 5; Susan Powers, community representative, District 5, Linear Creeks Board Member 2013-2015; and Ernesto Olivo, San Antonio Arts Commission.

The artist selection panel convened to review the public art opportunity and artist qualifications, evaluated and scored a shortlist of artists, reviewed and discussed finalists, and selected two artists to interview. On September 25, 2015 the artist selection panel interviewed two artists and recommended pre-qualified artist David Dahlquist for the District 5 Elmendorf Lake public art opportunity.

David Dahlquist is a nationally-recognized public artist and teacher based out of Des Moines, Iowa. His commissions for private, public, and institutional clients range from tilework and sculpture to major architectural installations. Since 1988, he has completed more than 60 large-scale public commissions across the country.

ISSUE:

The approval of this artist will authorize a design and fabrication contract in the amount of \$190,000 for design, fabrication and installation.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should the artist not be approved, the artist selection panel for the District 5 Elmendorf Lake would reconvene to choose an alternate artist.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The public art opportunity for the District 5 Elmendorf Lake was approved by City Council and is funded through the one percent for public art allocation as part of the 2012-2017 Bond Program, Proposition 3: Drainage & Flood Control Improvements in the amount of \$190,000. No additional funds will be encumbered.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of pre-qualified artist recommendation of David Dahlquist for the 2012-2017 Bond Project District 5 Elmendorf Lake based on the Public Art Policy & Guidelines Section D Artist Selection Criteria.

RELATED ACTION INCLUDES:

The San Antonio Arts Commission: Public Art Committee approved artist selection on October 6, 2015. City Council approved recommended additions to the pre-qualified public art roster on April 2, 2015, artist selection panel recommendation on July 15, 2015.