

City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: 11/3/2015

In Control: San Antonio Arts Commission

DIVISION: Public Art San Antonio

MANAGER: James LeFlore

COUNCIL DISTRICT IMPACT(S): 2

SUBJECT: District 2 Fire Station

ACTION TYPE: Concept Review

SUMMARY:

This item is to approve the conceptual design by selected artist Cathy Cunningham-Little for 2012-2017 Bond project for the District 2 Fire Station 18.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As the result of the City of San Antonio's 2012-2017 Bond Program, a new fire station located in District 2 has been established. On April 2, 2015 PASA completed the process to update new additions to the public art prequalified roster. In February PASA established an artist selection panel of five panelists: Carl Wedige, Deputy Chief San Antonio Fire Department; Akeem Brown, District 2 Council Office representative; Ethel Shipton, District 2 artist; Nettie Hinton, San Antonio Arts Commission; and Jessica Sanchez, San Antonio Arts Commission. The artist selection panel met to review artist qualifications, evaluate and score a shortlist of artists, review and discuss finalists, and recommended artist Cathy Cunningham-Little on May 29, 2015. Cathy Cunningham-Little specializes in treated glass, reflective surfaces, and multiple lighting types and applications.

The San Antonio Arts Commission: Public Art Committee approved pre-qualified artist, Cathy-Cunningham Little, on June 6, 2015. The San Antonio Arts Commission approved pre-qualified artist, Cathy-Cunningham-Little, on June 16, 2015.

ISSUE:

Approval of conceptual design will allow artist to move forward into schematic and final design.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should conceptual design not be approved, the artist will be asked to bring back conceptual design to the

Public Art Committee for review.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The public art opportunity for the District 2 Fire Station 18 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 5: Public Safety in the amount of \$142,000. No additional funds will be encumbered.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of the District 2 Fire Station 18 conceptual design as presented.

Related action includes:

Public Art Committee approved pre-qualified artist, Cathy-Cunningham Little, on June 6, 2015. The San Antonio Arts Commission approved pre-qualified artist, Cathy-Cunningham-Little, on June 16, 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.