

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): 4

SUBJECT: District 4 Neighborhood

ACTION TYPE: Final Design Review

SUMMARY:

This item is to approve the final design by selected artist team Legge Lewis Legge for 2012-2017 Bond project for the District 4 Neighborhood.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As the result of the City of San Antonio's 2012-2017 Bond Program, a District 4 Neighborhood: Pedestrian Bridge 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 February PASA established an artist selection panel of four panelists: Dr. Ruben Michael Flores, Palo Alto College President; Pat Bruny, District 4 Council Office representative; Karen Mahaffey, District 4 artist; and Jessica Sanchez, 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 requested proposals from four artists. On June 15, 2015 the artist selection panel reviewed artist preliminary proposals and recommended prequalified artist team Legge Lewis Legge for the District 4 Neighborhood: Pedestrian Bridge public art opportunity. Legge Lewis Legge is a public art and architecture studio operated by architect Murray Legge FAIA and filmmaker Deborah Eve Lewis, both in Austin, Texas, and artist Andrea Legge in New York City Legge Lewis Legge is an artist team that specializes in treated glass, reflective surfaces, and multiple lighting types and applications.

The San Antonio Arts Commission: Public Art Committee and the San Antonio Arts Commission approved prequalified artist team, Legge Lewis Legge, on August 4, 2015 for the District 4 Neighborhood: Pedestrian Bridge Public Art Opportunity. The proposed artwork will be an installation of surface treatments and powder-coated tabs that are attached to chain-link fencing that encloses a pedestrian bridge between Texas Spur 422 and Gillette Blvd. The San Antonio Arts Commission: Public Art Committee approved conceptual design, District 4 Neighborhood: Pedestrian Bridge, on November 3, 2015.

ISSUE:

Approval of final design will allow artist to move forward into fabrication phase.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should final design not be approved, the artist will be asked to bring back final design to the Public Art Committee for review.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The public art opportunity for the District 4 Neighborhood: Pedestrian Bridge 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 1: Streets, Sidewalks & Bridges in the amount of \$100,000. No additional funds will be encumbered.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of the District 4 Neighborhood: Pedestrian Bridge final design as presented.

Related action includes:

The San Antonio Arts Commission: Public Art Committee and the San Antonio Arts Commission approved prequalified artist team, Legge Lewis Legge, on August 4, 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. The San Antonio Arts Commission: Public Art Committee on November 11, 2015.