

# City of San Antonio

# Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Item Number:** b.

**Agenda Date:** 6/16/2015

In Control: San Antonio Arts Commission

**DIVISION**: Public Art San Antonio

MANAGER: James LeFlore

**COUNCIL DISTRICT IMPACT(S)**: 2

SUBJECT: District 2 Fire Station 18

**ACTION TYPE:** Artist Selection

#### SUMMARY:

This item is to approve the artist recommendation for 2012-2017 Bond project for the District 2 Fire Station 18. Artist recommendation: pre-qualified artist Cathy Cunningham-Little.

#### **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 convened to review the public art opportunity and artist qualifications, evaluated and scored a shortlist of artists, reviewed and discussed finalists, and recommend an artist. On May 29, 2015 the artist selection panel recommended pre-qualified artist Cathy Cunningham-Little for the District 2 Fire Station 18 public art opportunity. Cathy Cunningham-Little is a local San Antonio artist that specializes in treated glass, reflective surfaces, and multiple lighting types and applications. The Public Art Committee approved recommended artist Cathy Cunningham-Little for the District 2 Fire Station 18 public art opportunity on June 2, 2015.

#### ISSUE:

The approval of this artist will authorize a design and fabrication contract in the amount of \$142,000 for design, fabrication and installation.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

Should the artist not be approved, the artist selection panel for the District 2 Fire Station 18 would reconvene to choose an alternate artist.

#### 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 pre-qualified artist recommendation of Cathy Cunningham-Little for the 2012-2017 Bond Project District 2 Fire Station 18 based on the Public Art Policy & Guidelines Section D Artist Selection Criteria.

#### Related action includes:

City Council approved recommended additions to the pre-qualified public art roster on April 2, 2015, artist selection panel recommendation on May 29, 2015 and Public Art Committee approved pre-qualified artist on June 2, 2015.

## ATTACHMENT(S):

File Description File Name