

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 25

DATE: July 7, 2009

STAFF: Ellen Martin

SUBJECT

Resolution 2009-064 Approving Expenditures from the Art in Public Places Reserve Account in the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund to Commission an Artist to Create Art Elements for the West Harmony Road Project.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

At its meeting on June 24, 2009, the Art in Public Places Board recommended approval of the Resolution.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funds for this item have been appropriated in the Art in Public Places Reserve Account in the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund. The Art in Public Places program has a maintenance fund for the long-term care of the APP art collection.

The West Harmony Road Project art budget is \$38,600 to be used for design, materials, installation, and contingency for this project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution will approve expenditures of \$38,600 for design, materials, installation and contingency for a project by the artist Christopher Weed to create sculptural elements for the West Harmony Road Project.

BACKGROUND

Section 23-303 of the Code, which was added in 1995, established the Art in Public Places Reserve Account, and designated it for use in acquiring or leasing works of art, maintenance, repair or display of works of art, and administrative expenses related to the Art in Public Places Program, in accordance with the Art in Public Places Guidelines adopted by the Council in Ordinance No. 020, 1995. The Council permanently adopted the Art in Public Places Program, and reenacted City Code Chapter 23, Article IX, with certain modifications in 1998.

The Art in Public Places Board moved to select an artist for this project using an RFP process through the City's Purchasing Department. Artist Christopher Weed was selected to work with the project team to develop design concepts appropriate to the site. This design concept was reviewed and recommended by the project team and the APP Board. The APP Board reviewed the design for this project at the Board meeting on June 24, 2009.

The artist will design, fabricate, and install a gateway piece on the west end of Harmony Road, close to Front Range Community College. The larger than life sculptural elements will be placed in the median, creating a larger than life garden.

ATTACHMENTS

1. A written description and drawing of the proposed work of art. The final piece may vary from this description.
2. Art in Public Places Board minutes, June 24, 2009.

The Fort Collins Art in Public Places Program is pleased to introduce the

West Harmony Road Project

artist Christopher Weed 2009



Six abstracted larger than life Sunflowers will be placed along the West Harmony Street median, creating a whimsical yet visually powerful gateway piece that is sure to be noticed by passersby.

The flowers are native to Colorado and speak to a time when one could go for miles, witnessing endless fields of wildflowers. The final result is a collection of playful and thought-provoking sculptures that will stand the test of time.

The approximately 18 foot tall flowers will be supported by 4" diameter polished stainless steel stems. The leaves will also be made of stainless steel.

The flower heads will be durably constructed of powder coated steel and will vary in size between 46" and 50" across.



ART IN PUBLIC PLACES MINUTES Wednesday, June 24, 2009 Lincoln Center Canyon West Room	
Council Liaison: Lisa Poppaw	Staff Liaison: Ellen Martin
Chairperson: Liliane Francuz	Vice Chair: Jane Nevriy

MEMBERS PRESENT: York, Liliane Francuz, Craig Russell, Jane Nevriy

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lee Needham, Ray Tollison, Shelby Sommer

STAFF PRESENT: Ellen Martin, Anne Bossert, Jill Stilwell, Cheryl Donaldson, Annette Geiselman, Ron Kechter, Dean Klingner, Jim O'Neill

CRB LIAISON: Carol Ann Hixon

I. Call to order: 3:42 pm by Ms Francuz

II. Consideration of the current agenda:

III. Review of Minutes from the meeting on May 20, 2009:

Mr. York moved to accept the Minutes
Ms Nevriy seconded the motion
Unanimously Approved

IV. Citizen Participation:

A local artist was in attendance to observe.

V. Fort Collins Museum/Discovery Science Center Presentation:

Ms. Geiselman presented an overview of the Fort Collins Discovery Museum Project. Mr. Kechter spoke about the new building site and the RFP that has been released for the design/build process and how they want to integrate an APP artist early in the process. Ms Martin spoke to the goals of the project and ways the budget can be utilized. It was discussed that the initial focus be on adding an artist to the project team. Then as the project unfolds, there can be the possibility of additional artists being brought in to address other artistic aspects. The board decided to place no restrictions on APP applicants, and to have the focus of an iconic statement for the project in the text of the RFQ.

Mr. Russell moved to structure the RFQ to bring in artists nationally with a design contract and an implementation contract focusing on the water component within the museum building project.

Mr. York seconded the motion.
Unanimously Approved

VI. West Harmony Road Project Design Review:

Ms. Martin introduced artist Christopher Weed and Mr. Klingner of the Engineering Department. Mr. Weed presented his project design, stating that there was a focus on linear design with consideration toward a gateway piece. Discussion was had regarding safety for drivers as the pieces will be placed within the median. The artistic elements will be constructed with a break-away feature for safety. The pieces are expected to be completed and installed this fall.

Ms Nevriy moved to accept the West Harmony Road Project as presented.

Mr. Russell seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved

RESOLUTION 2009-064
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROVING EXPENDITURES FROM THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES
RESERVE ACCOUNT IN THE CULTURAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES FUND
TO COMMISSION AN ARTIST TO CREATE ART ELEMENTS FOR
THE WEST HARMONY ROAD PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City is currently in the process of constructing improvements to West Harmony Road (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 23-303 and 23-304 of the City Code, one percent of the funds appropriated for the Project was set aside in the Art in Public Places reserve account in the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund for use in the acquisition or leasing of works of art, the maintenance, repair or display of works of art, and administrative expenses related to the Art in Public Places Program, in accordance with the Art in Public Places Guidelines adopted by the City Council in Ordinance No. 047, 1998 (the "Guidelines"); and

WHEREAS, the Art in Public Places Board (the "Board"), chose to select an artist to design artwork for the Project using an RFP process through the City's Purchasing Department; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Weed (the "Artist") was selected to work with the Project Team to create a design concept appropriate to the Project site; and

WHEREAS, the Board evaluated the Artist's final design at its regular meeting on June 24, 2009, pursuant to the Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, based on that evaluation, the Board voted to recommend the Artist's proposal for a gateway piece consisting of giant sculptural steel sunflowers placed in the median (the "Art Project"); and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to create the Art Project, including design, materials, installation and contingency for the Art Project, is \$38,600; and

WHEREAS, those funds are available in the Art in Public Places reserve account in the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund, and are appropriated as part of the 2009 budget, to provide for the Artist's design fees, materials, installation and contingency for the Art Project; and

WHEREAS, Section 23-308 of the City Code requires that the Board's selection of the recommended art be presented for City Council review and approval, because the cost of the art exceeds \$10,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that the City Council hereby authorizes the expenditure of up to THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$38,600) from the Art in Public Places reserve account

in the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund for the Art Project proposed by Christopher Weed, the conceptual design of which was reviewed and approved by the Art in Public Places Board on June 24, 2009.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 7th day of July, A.D. 2009.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk