



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Palmer Park Basketball Court Mural

1. Motion authorizing the City Manager, or a designee, to enter into an Agreement for Commission of Artwork with an artist/artist team to design, fabricate, and install a public art piece for the Palmer Park Basketball Court Mural in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 dispersed from the Urban Art Program Fund.

COUNCIL ACTION

Item Type: Action Item

Approved for February 11, 2025 **calendar**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On September 19, 2024, the Arts and Culture Commission was presented three design concept proposals for the Palmer Park Basketball Court Mural. The Commission approved a Motion recommending the artwork entitled, "Palm Trees" by Tanner Goldbeck for this opportunity, and the artwork entitled, "Unity Through Play" by 3B Collective as the alternate.

On December 19, 2024, the Arts and Culture Commission discussed the recommendation for the Palmer Park Basketball Court Mural and did not approve a Motion to rescind the Commission's September 19, 2024 Motion.

On January 27, 2025, the Parks, Community Services and Recreation Commission was presented the design concept, "Palm Trees" as the recommended artwork for this opportunity. The Parks, Community Services and Recreation Commission approved a Motion recommending that City Council not approve this public art installation and provided feedback that staff and City Council review other, previously submitted mural design concept proposals with the aim to identify one with sports-related theme.

Staff is now presenting the finalists' mural design concept proposals to City Council for consideration with the intention of approving an artwork to be installed for the Palmer Park Basketball Court Mural.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Motion authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement for Commission of Artwork with an artist/artist team to design, fabricate, and install a public art piece for the Palmer Park Basketball Court Mural in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 dispersed from the Urban Art Program Fund.

ANALYSIS

On November 27, 2023, LeBasse Projects released a City-Wide Public Art Landmarks Request for Qualification (RFQ) via the online application collection website, Submittable. LeBasse Projects also reached out to several local and international artists regarding this opportunity. The RFQ closed on January 19, 2024, and staff received 230 applications for consideration. In February 2024, an Artist Review & Selection Committee met to review applications and discussed recommendations for finalists to submit design concept proposals for public art projects. From March – August 2024, LeBasse Projects worked with three artists to prepare design concept proposals for the Palmer Park Basketball Court mural public art opportunity.

On September 19, 2024, during the Arts and Culture Commission’s Regular Meeting, the Commission invited three artists to present mural design concept proposals for the Palmer Park Basketball Court Mural opportunity. During this meeting, the Arts and Culture Commission approved a Motion recommending Tanner Goldbeck’s “Palm Trees” for this opportunity, and recommending the artwork entitled, “Unity Through Play” by 3B Collective as the alternate.

On December 19, 2024, during the Regular Meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission, the Commission gave feedback on the approved recommendation of Tanner Goldbeck’s “Palm Trees” design for the Palmer Park Basketball Court Mural. The Commission discussed the other mural design options, but also reiterated that Tanner Goldbeck’s “Palm Trees” design received a unanimous vote from the Commission as the recommendation for this opportunity. The Commission’s vote resulted in a 2:2 vote, therefore the Motion to rescind the Commission’s September 19, 2024 Motion recommending that the City Council authorize the City Manager, or a designee, to enter into an Agreement for Commission of Artwork with an artist/artist team to design, fabricate and install a public art piece for the Palmer Park Basketball Court Mural in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 dispersed from the Urban Art Program Fund was not approved.

On January 27, 2025, during the Parks, Community Services and Recreation Commission Special Meeting, Staff presented the mural design concept, “Palm Trees” by Tanner Goldbeck as the recommended artwork for this opportunity. The Parks, Community Services and Recreation Commission approved a Motion recommending that City Council not approve the public art installation, “Palm Trees” by Tanner Goldbeck for the Palmer Park Basketball Court Mural, and provided feedback that staff and City Council review other, previously submitted mural design concept proposals with the aim to identify one sports-related.

Since the Arts and Culture Commission and the Parks, Community Services and

Recreation Commission have not agreed on a specific artwork, Staff now asks City Council to review the three finalists' mural design concepts and approve an artwork for the Palmer Park Basketball Court Mural opportunity.

STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH

LeBasse Projects, the City's Public Art Consultant, reached out to several artists/artist teams within their networks to share the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Staff also administered direct strategic outreach to artists/artist teams for these opportunities and translated the RFQ into 5 languages (Armenian, English, Korean, Spanish and Tagalog). The RFQ was also posted on the Arts and Culture Commission's website (www.glendaleartsandculture.org), shared via social media, and sent to the Arts and Culture Commission's e-newsletter list.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Palmer Park Basketball Court Mural will cost \$30,000, which was approved as a part of the FY 2045-25 budget. No new appropriation is being requested at this time. The City Council approved funding is outlined below:

Existing Appropriation		
Amount	Account String	Funding Source
\$30,000	43110-2100-LAC-0010-P4148	Urban Art Fund

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)

Under California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301, the proposed artwork for the Palmer Park Basketball Court Mural is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review as a Class 1 Existing Facilities project (Minor Alternations to Structures or Facilities) that consists of the operation or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Installing the artwork would not involve anything other than minor alterations to existing landscapes or hardscaped areas on existing public property.

In addition, Under California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304, proposed monuments are categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review as a Class 4 Existing Facilities project (Minor Alternations to Land) that entails minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees. Installing the artwork would not involve the removal of any trees and would not involve anything other than minor alterations to existing landscapes or hardscaped areas on existing public property.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

This item is exempt from campaign disclosure requirements.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Alternative 1: The City Council may decline to adopt the Motion.

Alternative 2: The City Council may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS

EXHIBIT 1 – Palmer Park Basketball Court Mural – Design Concept Proposals

EXHIBIT 2 – ACC_091924_MOTION_Palmer Park Basketball Court Mural

EXHIBIT 3 – CSP_012725_MOTION_Palmer Park Basketball Court Mural