



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-4839, **Agenda Item #:** 8.

7/18/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Melissa Borrell Design for artwork for the Givens Park Aquatics Facility Art in Public Places Project for a total amount not to exceed \$170,000.

Lead Department

Economic Development.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$170,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Capital Budget of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

On July 18, 2022, the Austin Arts Commission unanimously approved the selection process recommendation for the Givens Park Aquatics Facility AIPP Project, naming Melissa Borrell Design as the selected artist and Sam Gaddis as the alternate for the \$95,000 commission. The item passed on consent. (Motion by Commissioner Polgar, second by Commissioner Castillo; approved 7-0-0. Commissioners Barnes, Flores, Garza, and Keeton were absent).

Additional Backup Information:

Artist Melissa Borrell was commissioned by the Economic Development Department's Art in Public Places program to create a permanent artwork at the Givens Pool to honor the history, heritage, culture, and stories of the Givens Park community, celebrate the diverse and vibrant energy of family and togetherness, and inspire feelings of curiosity, joy, pride, and hope for the future. She has been working closely with the sponsor department (Parks and Recreation) and the community to develop a design that responds to these goals.

Thorough engagement during the design phase of the project with local community, stakeholders, design team and City staff resulted in consensus direction for Borrell to incorporate a shade structure at the west end of the Givens Pool into her scope of work to enhance the community's experience of the Pool and align with an aesthetic approach consistent with other commissioned artwork at the site.

This added scope will add funding from the project construction budget and increase the artwork budget from \$95,000 to \$170,000, which will be inclusive of all costs to complete the project, including design, engineering, insurance, fabrication, transportation, and installation of the artwork. The Parks Department, Economic Development Department, the project team, and the community stakeholders agree that this integration brings added value to the project.