



Fairfax Park Public Art Selection

October 7, 2013



Fairfax Public Art Selection Committee

- Following steps identified in the Public Art Master Plan, committee members were recruited to represent:
 - Commerce City Cultural Council
 - Visual Artists
 - Department/Agency Representatives
 - Technical Advisors
 - Site Representatives
 - Community Members
 - Business Representatives
 - Architect and/or Landscape Architect





Fairfax Public Art Selection Committee

Led by: Public Art Consultant, Barbara Neal

- Maura O'Neal – Cultural Council Member & Resident
- Jim Jacobs – Cultural Council Member & Resident
- Mike Brown – Parks, Planning & Operations Manager (City/Department Representative)
- Bill Neumann – DHM Design (Landscape Architect, Site Representative)
- Lisha Burnett – Suncor (Business Representative)
- Larry Durlin – Visual Artist Representative & Resident
- Jenny Axmacher – City Planner (City Representative; assisted in the creation of the public art master plan)
- Karen O'Donnell – Recreation Manager (City/Department Representative)





Application Process

- RFQ was sent out on July 19, 2013 to a list of artists who have created pieces of similar scope, cost, etc.
- Additional artists were contacted based on input from Cultural Council members
- Information was posted on the Colorado Artists Register, making the application process open to anyone
- Theme: **“Active Play & Parks”**





Applications Received

- Applications were due by midnight on August 2, 2013
- A total of 8 artists submitted applications
 - 7 via e-mail, with all application materials received
 - 1 via U.S. mail, but missing resume, list of images & CD containing digital images





List of Artists with Complete Applications

- Don Mitchell
- Kevin Robb
- Frank Swanson
- Reven Marie Swanson
- Christopher Weed
- Joshua Wiener
- Madeline Wiener





Selecting Finalists

- August 14, 2013 – selection committee met to review all applications
 - Letter of Intent
 - Resume
 - Digital images of previous work
- Committee members ranked artists, based on application materials and suitability of artwork to the site





Selecting the Artist for Fairfax Park

- 3 finalists were chosen:
 - Christopher Weed
 - Don Mitchell
 - Joshua Wiener
- Each finalist shared his proposal, including a maquette (small scale model), with the selection committee on September 19, 2013
- Committee members scored each artist in a variety of areas (e.g., aesthetics, site considerations, maintenance, budget, etc.)





Selecting the Artist for Fairfax Park

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- Committee members discussed each proposal in detail
- Each committee member ranked the artists 1-3, and the votes were tallied to determine if further discussion/voting was required
- The committee unanimously chose: **Joshua Wiener** to create his unique piece “Determination” at Fairfax Park
- Cultural Council reviewed & supported Joshua Wiener’s proposal on September 24, 2013



“Determination”



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- Three groupings of two sculptures that are 8’ x 14’ x 14” each, representing baseball, futsal & basketball players
- Aluminum and stainless steel
 - No regular maintenance required
 - No large surfaces to attract graffiti
- Anticipated project completion: Spring 2014





The Commerce City Cultural Council requests that City Council consider the adoption of the Resolution in support of the public art selection “Determination” by Joshua Wiener to be placed in Fairfax Park



Questions?