



City Council Communication

AGENDA DATE: March 17, 2025

LEGISTAR ITEM NO.: Res 2025-036

SUBMITTED BY: Melissa Sumner
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DEPARTMENT: Community

<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation
<input type="checkbox"/> Admin Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

REQUEST

Consider accepting a donation of a public art piece to the city from the Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership for display at the Eagle Pointe Recreation Center. Previously displayed temporarily on greenway property, the piece would become property of the city's public art collection if accepted.

BACKGROUND

The piece, titled "Protecting Commerce", is a sculpture of a bison ingesting common litter items to demonstrate the impact of trash and waste on wildlife, natural spaces, and the overall environment. Curated and created by local students ages 10-15, through trash pick ups and studio time with a professional artist. Installed at Sand Creek Regional Greenway temporarily, and is now being donated to the Commerce City public art collection with a proposed installation site of Eagle Pointe Recreation Center.

The Public Art Master Plan determines that donations must go through the art selection process outlined in the master plan. Sand Creek Regional Greenway followed the process of an art selection committee, who made the recommendation to accept this specific artwork for donation. Cultural Council approved the donation and proposed install at Eagle Pointe Recreation Center on Feb. 18, 2025. City Council makes the final approval to accept the artwork and installation site.

Sand Creek Regional Greenway will handle maintenance for the first two years, with future efforts to be paid out of the Commerce

City public art maintenance budget. (Approved by Facilities Team at Eagle Pointe Recreation Center). Impact is expected to be minimal to none.

Project was funded by Metro Football Stadium District funds and a Quality Community Foundation grant.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Contractor	N/A
Amount of Request/Contract	\$N/A
Amount Not To Exceed	\$N/A
Amount Budgeted	\$N/A
Budget Year	FYN/A
Funding Source	N/A
Additional Funds Needed	\$N/A
Funding Source (if funds needed)	N/A

PROJECT TIMELINE

Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date
March 20, 2025	N/A
Years and Months of Contract	Number of Times Renewable
2 years, 0 months	N/A

JUSTIFICATION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Goal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategic Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal
Citation	Council Goal - City Unity and Wellness Strategy 5.5: Beautify the city's physical space to encourage community pride through MyC3 and other strategies. Objective 5.5.1: Expand and bolster Public Art program to celebrate city heritage and culture.		

	Objective 5.5.5: Explore city/community partnerships to promote community engagement and civic pride.
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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ASSIGNED

Board or Commission	Cultural Council
Recommendation	8-0 to recommend acceptance of artwork and install placement
Date of Recommendation	Feb. 18, 2025

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Outreach on acceptance of this public art piece was limited to the participation of the Cultural Council and city staff, although the Sand Creek Greenway conducted outreach for youth participation, community trash pick ups, and community art making days.

AVAILABLE ACTIONS

- Approve as submitted
- Approve with certain amendments or conditions
- Ask for more research to be done.
- Decline artwork donation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends option #1, passing the resolution to accept ownership of the piece into the city's public art collection.