



Fronterra Park Public Art Recommendation

July 22, 2019
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Selection Process

- Established Art Selection Committee
 - Residents, local businesses, cultural council representatives, art teachers
- Three Committee Meetings: March 4 – June 25, 2019
 - Set artist selection criteria
 - Reviewed and juried applications, selected four semifinalists
 - Four artists presented proposals; one artist selected
 - Semi finalists also submitted posters explaining their designs for the two schools adjacent to the park. Students learned about the project and stated their favorites.
 - Cultural Council reviewed and approved recommendation
July 9, 2019

Selection Summary

Four artists were selected as semi-finalists:

Mike Buckley, Salida, CO proposed three enormous boulders of native stone to be painted with “layers” in bright colors. The rocks would be smooth and climbable for kids. The artist was interested through a literal representation (strata/layers) that was also eye-catching and whimsical.

Don Kennel, Santa Fe, NM proposed a large (15’) tall sculpture of a puppy, made of Corten steel and aluminum. Under the puppy was a large swing to engage children and adults and create a community area where people would gather.

Lisa Russell, Fort Collins, CO proposed six large (9’) gabion structures (a metal cage filled with stone) with a falcon and bison in stainless steel welded to the sides. The falcon and bison are the mascots of the neighboring schools and the area was situated to finish the “outdoor classroom area.”

Bill Bunting, Springfield, CO proposed a sculpture based on a poem he wrote about the area. The handmade steel sculpture consists of five circles with images from of Commerce City’s/Fronterra Park’s history: an antelope, a longhorn steer, a plow, a train and children swinging.

Recommendation

The Commerce City Cultural Council recommends the following public art installation, consistent with the master plan: **Lisa Russell, Ft. Collins, CO** shall receive a commission from the City for \$50,000 for the design, construction and installation of her proposed artwork





Questions?

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