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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	11122	Agenda Number	12.
Meeting Date:	12/8/2011			Department:	Economic Growth and Redevelopment
Subject					
Authorize negotiation and execution of a design and commission agreement with Sunyong Chung and Philippe Klinefelter for artwork to be displayed at the Asian American Resource Center in an amount not to exceed \$72,000.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$72,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.					
Fiscal Note					
Fiscal note is attached.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:					
For More Information:	Kevin Johns, Director / EGRSO, 974-7802; Meghan Turner, Acting AIPP Administrator / EGRSO, 974-9314				
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Austin Arts Commission and the Art in Public Places Panel.				
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					

Additional Backup Information

PROJECT SUMMARY

The City of Austin Art in Public Places (AIPP) program, sought to commission a professional visual artist /artist team to design, fabricate and install a work of art at the new Asian American Resource Center, being constructed at the intersection of Cameron Road and U.S. Highway 183. The entire site consists of 15 acres; the current phase will cover 3-4 acres.

The goal of the public art is to showcase a work of contemporary public art that honors the cultural heritage and traditional values of Austin's highly diverse Asian American community. The commissioned piece should engage site users in celebrating the diverse Asian cultures living in Austin. The work should serve as a unique and contemporary enhancement to the Asian American Resource Center and the City of Austin.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued on July 21, 2011 to professional visual artists and artist teams, at least 18 years of age, who live in Texas. The selection panel met with advisors on Friday, September 23, 2011 to review the 17 eligible responses submitted by the advertised deadline, including images of past work, resume, and letter of interest. The selection panel unanimously voted for the selected artist team of Sunyong Chung and Philippe Klinefelter and the alternate Erin Curtis. The Art in Public Places panel unanimously approved the Selection Panel's recommendation that the artist team of Sunyong Chung and Phillippe Klienfelter (Austin, TX) be commissioned for the Asian American Resource Center AIPP project and the artist Erin Curtis (Austin, TX) as the alternate on October 3, 2011. The Austin Arts Commission unanimously approved the artist selection on October 17, 2011.

SELECTION PANEL

Chun Hui Pak, Visual Artist, www.chunhuipak.com

Margo Sawyer, Visual Artist, www.margosawyer.com, Professor, M.F.A., Studio Art, Sculpture, UT Dept of Art

Evan Taniguchi, Architect; www.taniguchi-arch.com

PROJECT ADVISORS

David Taylor, Project Manager, City of Austin, Public Works

Kristen Klein, Architect, ATKINS

Mike Fishbaugh, Landscape Architect, Coleman and Associates

Judy Morris, Feng Shui Master

Stakeholder Group members including:

Debasree DasGupta, Network of Asian American Organization

Jane Wilson, Artist, Asian American Resource Center Board

Imad Ahmed, Asian American Resource Center Board

Veronica Lee, Asian American Resource Center Board and Texas Asian Chamber of Commerce

Eleanor McKinney, Landscape Architect