

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	28033	Agenda Number	9.
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Meeting Date:	10/24/2013	Department:	Economic Development Department
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## Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a design and commission agreement with the artist team of Stan Pipkin and Barna Kantor in an amount not to exceed \$77,000 for artwork for the 8th St. Streetscape Project.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$77,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department

## Fiscal Note

Fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Kevin Johns, Director / EDD, (512) 974-7802; Meghan Wells, Art in Public Places Administrator / EDD-CAD, (512) 974-9314
Boards and Commission Action:	September 16, 2013 - Approved by the Austin Arts Commission on a 5-1 vote with Commissioner Auerbach voting against and Commissioner Tinnon absent.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

## Additional Backup Information

## **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The City of Austin Art in Public Places (AIPP) program of the Cultural Arts Division, Economic Development Department, sought to commission a professional visual artist /artist team to design, fabricate and install artwork that strengthens the identity of the 7-block corridor along 8<sup>th</sup> St. from Congress to West Avenues, in conjunction with the 8<sup>th</sup> St. Streetscape Project. The total budget for artwork is \$77,000.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

A Request for Qualifications was released locally on May 29, 2013 to professional visual artists or artist teams who live and work in the Austin metropolitan area to include Travis, Williamson, Bastrop, Caldwell, and Hays counties. The Selection Panelists and Advisors met on August 5, 2013 to review the letters of interest, resumes, references, and images of the eligible 32 eligible artists/teams who submitted qualifications for this project. The Selection Panel selected four finalists to be interviewed: Melissa Borrell, Sharon Kieshishian + Daniel Hornung (Ion Art), Chris Levack, and Stan Pipkin + Barna Kantor. The Selection Panel and Advisors met on August 12, 2013 to interview the finalists. They unanimously recommended Stan Pipkin+ Barna Kantor as the artist team; and Sharon Kieshishian+Daniel Hornung (Ion Art) as the alternate team.

## **SELECTION PANEL**

Melissa Barry, Planner; Arts & Parks Director, Downtown Austin Alliance  
Leah Davis, AIA, Architect; Andersson Wise Architects  
Gary Webernick, Artist, Chair of Austin Community College Art Department

## **ADVISORS**

Chad Crager, City of Austin Public Works Department Neighborhood Connectivity Program  
Richard Duane, City of Austin Public Works Department  
Blair Fox, Original Austin Neighborhood Association (OANA) representative  
Hollis Hammonds, Art in Public Places Panel Member  
Meredith Powell, Downtown Austin Neighborhood Association (DANA) representative  
Humberto Rey, City of Austin Great Streets Program  
Heidi Tse, City of Austin Austin Public Library