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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	31392	Agenda Number	11.
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Meeting Date:	3/27/2014	Department:	Economic Development
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a design and commission agreement with Animalis Works LLC in an amount not to exceed \$85,000, for artwork for the Colorado Street Streetscape Enhancement Project in Downtown Austin.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$85,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Kevin Johns, Director / Economic Development Department, (512) 974-7802; Meghan Wells, Art in Public Places Administrator / Economic Development Department, (512) 974-9314
Boards and Commission Action:	February 24, 2014 - Unanimously approved by the Austin Arts Commission on a 7-0 vote.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

PROJECT SUMMARY

In 2012, 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 to design and create artwork for Phase 1 of the Colorado Streetscape Art in Public Places project in downtown Austin.

The goal of this project was to develop a fresh and innovative approach to design within a restricted environment; consider the diverse community served by the street enhancements, including downtown residents, tourists and the local business community; and consider the unique landscape and history of Colorado Street.

Dharmesh Patel and Autumn Ewalt (Animalis Works LLC) of Austin, TX were awarded the commission and created *Crystalline*, a series of four polished stainless steel sculptures installed along Colorado Street, between Third

and Seventh Streets. One sculpture was installed in fall 2013; the remaining three sculptures will be installed in March 2014.

For Phase 2 of the Colorado Streetscape Art in Public Places project, the Art in Public Places Panel chose to direct select Dharmesh Patel and Atumn Ewalt (Animalis Works LLC) to continue their project, *Crystalline* for the remaining scope of construction for the Streetscape.

This Recommendation for Council Action authorizes the negotiation and execution of a design and commission agreement for Phase 2 of the Colorado Streetscape Art in Public Places project with Animalis Works LLC.

PROJECT ADVISORS

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