



COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT Economic Opportunities Committee

Date: *May 11, 2015*

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Review and consider a design and commission agreement with Virginia Fleck in an amount not to exceed \$68,000 for artwork for the Women and Children's Shelter Renovations and Expansion Project at 4523 Tannehill Road, Austin, TX (District 1).(Notes: Economic Development)

Presentation related to this item built on previous presentation regarding the Art in Public Places. Questions regarding history, purpose, and projects were posed. Concern emerged that distribution of these projects is inconsistent across the City, for example District 4 was estimated at containing less than 5 projects. Questions arose regarding potential improvements to this program which originated in 1985. The program had previously imposed a \$200K cap. The cap was removed and qualifying projects came to include landscaping. Staff reported that since 2008, \$10M dollars have been utilized by this program, with 6.1M in this current year and \$900K in 2011-2012.

No public testimony present.

Presentation:

Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Assistant Director, Economic Development Department

Recommendation to Council: 4-0 passage.

To be posted May 21st as previously recommended by Council.