AGENDA

Thursday, June 22, 2006

Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with SAMANTHA RANDALL, Manor, TX for artwork in an amount not to exceed $60,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of $60,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Capital Budget of the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department.

Fiscal Note: Fiscal Note is attached.

For More Information: Vincent Kitch, 974-9310; Megan Crigger, 974-9312

Prior Council Action: Council authorized negotiation and execution of a contract with artist Adrienne Isom on 09/02/04. However, her design was not approved by the AIPP Panel or Arts Commission and the decision was made by OCEAN, Huston-Tillotson University and the City’s AIPP program to launch a new selection process to choose a new artist for the project.

Boards and Commission Action: The Organization of Central East Austin Neighborhoods approved a resolution of support for the newly selected artist, Samantha Randall on 5/9/06; Art In Public Places Panel passed a resolution of support on 6/5/06; to be reviewed by the Arts Commission Panel on 6/19/06.

In late 2005, the Organization of Central East Austin Neighborhoods (OCEAN) developed the new three-person selection panel which included two OCEAN representatives and one Huston-Tillotson University representative. Nominations of artists were solicited in early 2006 from arts organizations and individuals linked to the East Austin community. Twenty-four nominations were submitted. All nominated artists were sent the Request for Qualifications, and then each artist or artist team was contacted as a follow-up to check on the status of their application, prior to the submission deadline. Eleven artists/artist teams applied. City of Austin employees and project consultants and their employees and sub-consultants were ineligible.

Selection panel and advisors met on March 15, 2006 and reviewed all eligible applications submitted and invited three finalists to interview. After conducting interviews on March 28, 2006, the selection panel recommended one artist (Samantha Randall) and one alternate (Ryah Christensen) for the project. Both are local artists who have experience with a variety of media, commissions and site-specific installations.

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FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: June 22, 2006
WHERE ON AGENDA: Resolution not required
DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood Planning and Zoning

Description: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Samantha Randall, Manor, TX, for artwork in an amount not to exceed $60,000.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Project Name: E. 7th Street Corridor from Chicon to Pleasant Valley
Project Authorization: 2005-2006 Amended Capital Budget
Funding Source: CMTA - 1/4 Cent
Fund/Agency/Orgn: 8581-257-9101

Total Current Appropriation $4,300,000.00
Available Balance $3,508,816.00
Amount of this Action ($50,000.00)
Estimated Available $3,458,816.00

Project Name: Central East Austin Neighborhood Enhancement
Project Authorization: 2005-2006 Amended Capital Budget
Funding Source: General Fund
Fund/Agency/Orgn: 8650-497-0110

Total Current Appropriation $20,000.00
Available Balance $17,302.00
Amount of this Action ($10,000.00)
Estimated Available $7,302.00

Financial Approval: ____________________________ Date: ________________

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