



Department Source: Cultural Affairs

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 19, 2018

Re: Columbia Sports Fieldhouse Percent for Art project artist agreement

Executive Summary

The Columbia Sports Fieldhouse was designated as a Percent for Art project by City Council in July 2017. The Standing Committee on Public Art chose David Spear to create site-specific public art for the Columbia Sports Fieldhouse project. The artist selection was approved by the Commission on Cultural Affairs at its November 13, 2017 meeting. The Committee and the Commission are now seeking City Council approval on the contract agreement so the artist can begin work on the design proposal.

Discussion

The Commission on Cultural Affairs has unanimously approved the Standing Committee on Public Art's recommendation of David Spear as the chosen artist for the Columbia Sports Fieldhouse Percent for Art project. Mr. Spear was selected from four local finalists who were interviewed by the Standing Committee on Public Art in October.

Mr. Spear is a professional artist, who has previously completed a successful Percent for Art project, the interior artwork at Wabash Station in 2007. In addition, he has completed many other large-scale commissions for businesses in Columbia and other cities in Missouri. Mr. Spear holds a Bachelor in Fine Arts from the University of Missouri Saint Louis and a Master in Fine Arts from the University of Missouri in Columbia. Mr. Spear has been an adjunct professor in the Fine Arts Department at the University of Missouri and currently works as a professional artist.

For this selection process, the Standing Committee was expanded to include two project-specific members, both from the Parks & Recreation Department since the work will be installed in its new facility. The Standing Committee and the Commission on Cultural Affairs will continue to work with the Office of Cultural Affairs as the design concept is proposed.

To advance the project forward, Council approval is needed to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with the artist. Once the contract is signed, Mr. Spear will start work on a design proposal. His design will go through the same approval process as this artist selection has: from the Standing Committee to the Commission to the City Council.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total amount for the Columbia Sports Fieldhouse Percent for Art project is \$37,000. Of those funds, \$31,450 are set aside for the artist's commission. This includes construction, fabrication and installation. \$3,700 is set aside for lifetime maintenance



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and \$1,850 for administration. No staff salaries are paid from Percent for Art funds. Any administrative dollars left at the close of the project will revert to the maintenance fund. Long-Term Impact: None.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Economy, Secondary Impact: Social Equity, Tertiary Impact: Public Safety

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Economic Development, Secondary Impact: Livable and Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation

Legislative History

Date	Action
7/17/17	City Council designated Columbia Sports Fieldhouse as Percent for Art project.

Suggested Council Action

Council motion approving the contract agreement with artist David Spear.