



Department Source: Cultural Affairs

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: September 8, 2020

Re: Columbia Regional Airport Percent for Art project national artist agreement

Executive Summary

The Columbia Regional Airport new terminal building was designated as a Percent for Art Project by City Council in September 2019. The Standing Committee on Public Art chose David Griggs, an artist from Denver, CO, to create site-specific public art for the Columbia Regional Airport new terminal project. The artist selection was approved by the Commission on Cultural Affairs at its July 13, 2020 meeting. David Griggs is one of two artists selected to create work in the new terminal. The Committee and the Commission are now seeking City Council approval on the contract agreement so the artists 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 Griggs as the chosen national artist for the Columbia Regional Airport terminal project. Mr. Griggs was selected from three national artists finalists who were interviewed by the Standing Committee on Public Art in June.

Mr. Griggs is a professional public artist who has completed over 60 commissioned works of art. He has completed large-scale public art commissions across the country, including at the Denver International Airport and Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport as well as municipal projects for Fort Collins, CO, Stockton, CA, and Greeley, CO. Mr. Griggs holds a MFA in Fine Arts from the University of Colorado – Boulder.

For this selection process, the Standing Committee was expanded to include three project-specific members, including City staff from the airport, a neighborhood representative, and an artist expert from the community. 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. Griggs 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 Regional Airport Percent for Art project is \$188,870. Of those funds, 90% are set aside for the national call – including \$135,500 for the artist's commission. This includes construction, fabrication and installation. \$17,000 is



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set aside for lifetime maintenance, \$8,500 for project administration, and \$9,000 for project contingency. No staff salaries are paid from Percent for Art funds. Any administrative or contingency dollars left at the close of the project will revert to the maintenance fund.

Long-Term Impact: None

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

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

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

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

Legislative History

Date	Action
9/16/19	R132-19 City Council designated the Columbia Regional Airport terminal as a Percent for Art project.

Suggested Council Action

Council motion approving the contract agreement with artist David Griggs.