



Department Source: Cultural Affairs

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 4, 2022

Re: Authorizing an artist's contract with Jane Mudd for a mural project in the Columbia Regional Airport terminal

Executive Summary

The Columbia Regional Airport new terminal building plans to feature an additional artwork component of a painted mural on the interior of the building. This project is being undertaken in addition to the Percent for Art project. After receiving submissions through a call to artists process, selecting three finalists to create design proposals and a public comment period, the Standing Committee on Public Art recommended artist Jane Mudd move forward with her design for the mural. The artist selection was approved by the Commission on Cultural Affairs at its February 14, 2022 meeting. The Committee and Commission are now seeking City Council approval of the contract agreement with artist Jane Mudd.

Discussion

For the interior mural project at the Columbia Regional Airport terminal, a call for artists was posted in October 2021. The RFQ was open to Missouri artists. The Standing Committee on Public Art reviewed submissions and then selected three finalists to create design proposals. After a public comment period on the three designs, the committee met on January 27, 2022 and selected artist Jane Mudd's design to move forward. The Commission on Cultural Affairs approved this recommendation at its February 14, 2022 meeting.

Ms. Mudd is a professional artist with over 45 years of experience. She recently retired from William Woods University as an assistant professor of Drawing, Painting, Sculpture and Art History. She has had many solo shows throughout mid-Missouri and has won numerous awards in juried exhibits and competitions. She has recently completed a large historical mural for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and a second Champion Tree project for the Missouri Department of Conservation Magazine.

The mural site is the north wall next to the ticketing counter. Dimensions are 17'-8 ½" W x 10'-8" H. Wainscoting is planned for the bottom 3' of the wall, and the mural will begin 3' off the floor. The mural will be painted directly onto the wall. In the call to artists document, it stated that landscapes or imagery that is a nod to the rich history of the land and heritage of the region were artistic concepts for applicants to consider. Ms. Mudd's design encapsulates this concept by featuring the Missouri River as the main subject and surrounding natural landscapes.

To advance the project forward, Council approval is needed to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with the artist.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total amount for the airport mural project is \$16,000. This amount includes all services rendered by the artist and all supplies, materials and equipment used by the artist to design, execute, fabricate, and complete the mural.

Long-Term Impact: None.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Resilient Economy, Secondary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods, Tertiary Impact: Inclusive Community

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

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

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Council approval of legislation authorizing the contract agreement with artist Jane Mudd.