City of Olathe

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: 4/16/2019

DEPARTMENT: Public Works
STAFF CONTACT: Mary Jaeger / Beth Wright
SUBJECT: Approval of this agreement will authorize StudioKCA to move forward with the design of an exterior art sculpture to be located at the Indian Creek Library.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:
Consideration of an Agreement with StudioKCA for design, fabrication, and installation of a commissioned art sculpture for the Indian Creek Library project, PN 6-C-001-17.

SUMMARY: The budget for the Indian Creek Library project includes $150,000 for the library project's 1% contribution to public art. The planning and design for the library project provides space to accommodate an original piece of exterior art to complement and enhance the library entry plaza. In July 2018, staff issued a call for artists seeking interest from a professional artist or artist team to create an innovative and original art piece for the library entry plaza. Ninety (90) artists submitted their portfolios for consideration. A selection panel comprised of members of the Olathe Public Art Committee reviewed all submissions and narrowed the field of candidates to the top 10. Through further deliberations, the selection panel selected two artists as finalists for additional consideration. The finalists were Stoller Studio (Roger Stoller) from San Jose, California, and StudioKCA (Jason Klimoski and Lesley Chang) from Brooklyn, New York. The two finalists visited Olathe on December 18, 2018, to participate in half-day design charrettes with Sean Zaudke of Gould Evans. These charrettes were an opportunity for each artist to collaborate with Sean to generate ideas and to assist the selection panel in determining which artist would be the best fit for the project. At the conclusion of each of their charrettes, the artist made a brief presentation to the selection panel. The selection panel reconvened on January 8, 2018, and unanimously identified Jason Klimoski and Lesley Chang with StudioKCA as the preferred artists for the project.

Attached as Exhibit A is the Agreement with StudioKCA. The Agreement stipulates the total fee to be paid to StudioKCA for this project is $100,000. The Agreement also stipulates the payment schedule as well as deadlines for certain project milestones. Upon approval of this agreement, StudioKCA is prepared to engage with staff and the design team for the planning and design of the art piece. It's currently anticipated the work will take approximately 12 months to complete. At this time, a public dedication of the art piece is anticipated for April or May 2020.

Staff anticipates the remainder of the project budget set aside for public art will be used to procure interior art for the library.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
The Indian Creek Library project is funded with General Obligation Bonds in the amount of $19,000,000.

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ATTACHMENT(S):
A: Agreement
B: Project Fact Sheet