



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. Z
3/25/2025

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Gift Acceptance Agreement with Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, Inc., dba Visit Oklahoma City and a Public Art Commission Agreement with Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, Inc., dba Visit Oklahoma City and Creative Machines, Inc., for a site-specific work of art for the United Way Plaza, 200 Johnny Bench Drive, \$150,000. Ward 7.

Location:

200 Johnny Bench Drive

Background:

Visit OKC received American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the creation of the Work. Those funds were augmented by a donation from the Inasmuch Foundation, in order to increase the scope of the Work. Visit OKC collaborated with the City's Department of Parks and Recreation and the Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs to identify the United Way Plaza as the most appropriate site for the Work. The City will spend approximately \$150,000 on site preparation, which includes removal of the costly and malfunctioning Bricktown fountain. The value of the Work will be approximately \$500,000. The Gift Acceptance Agreement also includes a \$10,000 donation to establish a repair and refurbishment fund for the Work. The Oklahoma City Arts Commission considered the Agreements at its February 17, 2025, meeting, (Item III.A), and recommended the Agreements to the City Council.

Cost Not to Exceed:

\$150,000

Source of Funds:

MAPS USE CAP RPLCMNT-CMTD > OCITY > 142X > Committed > G – NON-DEPT MAPS OPERATIONS FUND - MAPS CAPITAL REPLACEMENT – Art (1422-9805000-N0001-54130005)

Review:

Planning Department

Recommendation: Gift Acceptance Agreement and Public Art Commission Agreement be approved.