



# MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda  
Item No. IX. AJ  
4/22/2025

## The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Public Art Commission Agreement with Jonathan Hils, for a sculpture titled *Community Mesh*, public art for the Metro Park neighborhood, in the median of Linwood Boulevard, between North Kentucky Avenue and North Indiana Avenue, not to exceed \$12,000. Ward 6.

**Location:**

Median of Linwood Boulevard, between North Kentucky Avenue and North Indiana Avenue

**Purpose:**

To commission Artist Jonathan Hils for the sculpture titled, *Community Mesh*, in the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI) Metro Park neighborhood, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.

**Background:**

The Metro Park Neighborhood Association is part of the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI), a neighborhood revitalization program administered by the Planning Department. Through a neighborhood grant program offered by SNI, the Metro Park neighborhood requested \$12,000 for a public art sculpture to increase the sense of value, renewal, and ownership in the area. *Community Mesh* is the 8th sculpture piece selected, with a long-term goal to erect 10-12 sculptures along Linwood Boulevard. Currently, six sculptures have been erected. *Community Mesh* will be located in the median between North Kentucky Avenue and North Indiana Avenue. The sculpture piece will be placed on a concrete pad, designed with specifications to support long-term structural stability.

On October 22, 2024, a Call to Artists (Request for Qualifications) for public art for the location in Metro Park was sent to members of the City's Prequalified Artist Pool and was open to the general public as well. The first Selection Committee meeting was held on December 11, 2024, resulting in the selection of three Finalists. On January 25, 2025, Finalists attended a mandatory site tour, where they were provided with in-depth information about the public art site and its surroundings. On February 19, 2025, each Finalist presented their proposed art to the Selection Committee. The proposal developed by Jonathan Hils was determined by the Selection Committee to best meet the criteria for the project. The Arts Commission approved the Committee's recommendation on April 21, 2025.

The program is funded by, and subject to provisions of, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

**Cost:**

\$12,000

**Source of Funds:**

Grants Management – Dept of Hsg & Urban Devel-RSTR – CDBG Entitlement – CDBG B-24-MC-40-0003 (1906-2408000-G3920-G9999-G80432)

**Review:**

Planning Department

**Recommendation:** Agreement be approved.