



STAFF REPORT

Riverfront Design Committee

10/05/2023

Agenda Item V. A.
Case No. SRCA-23-00027
Property Address 1398 E I-40 HWY
Applicant Name Don Narcomey, Narcomey LLC
for, Melinda McMillan-Miller, City of OKC Parks Department
1920 NW 21st St
Oklahoma City, OK 73106
District/Zoning American Indian Cultural Center District/R-1 Single-Family Residential District

A. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Install 3 wood sculptures, *Communion*, by Don Narcomey.

B. BACKGROUND

1. Location

This site is located on the north side of the Oklahoma River, east of I-35, along the Oklahoma River Greenway Trail.

2. Site History/Previous Actions

The Oklahoma River Greenway Trail, named after the adjacent Oklahoma River, is one of the final portions to be constructed of the trail system that circumnavigates and connects the four quadrants of the City. As a Greenway Trail it emphasizes exhibiting and conserving the surrounding verdant landscape. The trail is part of the more than 80 miles of multi-use trails in the City parks system.

On August 3, 2022, a Call to Artists (RFQ) was announced with a closing date of August 24, 2022. In January 2023, the Selection Committee chose Don Narcomey as a finalist and ultimately, as the Artist selected for the project.

The work consists of three 2-1/2 ft. tall concrete bases with 9-1/2 ft. tall wood sculptures.

At the February 20, 2023 Arts Commission, the Commission approved this work.

3. Surrounding Environment

Adjacent to the south is the Oklahoma River. Further south is the First Americans Museum and the underdevelopment OKANA project. To the west is I-35. To the north is I-40.

4. Intended Use

Public art

C. ITEMS IN COMPLIANCE

1. Unless noted below in Section D. Issues and Considerations, all other case items of this proposal comply with the Development Regulations and Guidelines of the Scenic River Overlay Design District zoning ordinance as referenced below:

- a) **RE:** §13500.1. Purpose and Intent
- b) **RE:** §13500.5.N. Parks and Open Space

Note: All other Regulations and Guidelines of the Scenic River Overlay Design District zoning ordinance not listed above are either not applicable to this case or apply to elements of this project to be considered as a separate case at a later date.

D. ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS

None

E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. **Approve the application** on the basis that the project complies with the regulations and guidelines of the Scenic River Overlay Design District zoning ordinance as referenced in Section C of the Staff Report.

Note: Staff recommendations do not constitute Committee decisions.

Attachments: Zoning Map, Application, Design Statement, Drawings, Photos.