



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. R
4/26/2022

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Public Art Commission Agreement with Lucinda Jones for an exterior mural for the Strong Neighborhood Initiative in the Capitol Hill neighborhood at the Hilltop Clinic, 101 SW 25th Street, not to exceed \$15,000. Ward 6.

Purpose:

To commission artist Lucinda Jones (Artist) for an exterior mural for the SNI Capitol Hill Neighborhood, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

Background:

Through a competitive neighborhood grant application process offered by the City's Strong Neighborhoods Initiative, the Capitol Hill neighborhood was awarded \$15,000 for an exterior mural to increase a sense of value and ownership in the area, to be funded by and subject to provisions of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, through the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The location of the mural is on the east facing wall of the Hilltop Clinic, located at 101 SW 25th Street, a pediatric clinic that serves uninsured and under-insured children. The mural is intended to enhance neighborhood pride, identity, and neighborhood interaction between generations and culture. The neighborhood and clinic wanted the mural to reflect the true nature of Capitol Hill and to specifically honor long-time resident and activist Mary Sosa.

On November 5, 2021, a Call to Artists (Request for Information) for public art for the location in Capitol Hill was sent to members of the City's Prequalified Artist Pool. The advertised total funding available for the art award was \$15,000. The submission deadline was at 4 p.m. on November 15, 2021. The first Selection Committee meeting was held on November 18, 2021, resulting in the selection of three finalists. On December 11, 2021, finalists attended a mandatory site tour, where they were provided with in-depth information about the public art site and its surroundings. Finalists were instructed on the information to include in their Conceptual Design Reports (CDR) for presentation to the Selection Committee at a later date. On January 5, 2022, each Finalist presented their CDR to the Selection Committee. The CDR developed by Lucinda Jones was determined by the Selection Committee to best meet the criteria for the project. The Arts Commission approved the Committee's recommendation on January 24, 2022. The Urban Design Commission approved the Committee's recommendation on March 23, 2022.

Cost:

\$15,000

Source of Funds:

Grants Management - Department of Housing and Urban Development - RSTR CDBG
Entitlement-B-21-MC-40-0003 (019-6140-2408000-G80378)

Review:

Planning

Recommendation: Agreement be approved.