

Memorandum

TO: ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: Paul Krutko

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: February 8, 2007

Council District: 6

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF DESIGN DEVELOPMENT AND CONTRACT FOR
PUBLIC ART PROJECT AT PEARL AVENUE BRANCH LIBRARY BY
LYNN GOODPASTURE**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend approval of a design development proposal by Lynn Goodpasture and that the City Manager negotiate and execute an agreement with Lynn Goodpasture to fabricate and install an artwork at the Pearl Ave. Branch Library in an amount not to exceed \$99,000.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the *Master Plan for Public Art 2000-2005*, adopted by City Council on February 20, 2001, the Public Art Program strives to develop artworks that enhance the City and make it a lively, attractive place to live, work, and visit. One area of particular study during the planning process was artworks associated with capital improvement projects for public safety facilities. With the passage of the O & P Bond Measure in November 2000, the City of San José is building or upgrading branch libraries. Consistent with Title 22 of the Municipal Code, 2% of project costs for each Bond Measure project is allocated to public art.

The Bond Measure recommendation for the Pearl Ave. Branch Library, located at 4270 Pearl Ave., calls for a new 16,000 square foot library. A \$144,584 budget for public art has been identified as part of the capital project to be allocated as follows: \$21,684 for administration; \$23,900 for design including all honoraria and expense payments to finalists; and \$99,000 for fabrication and installation.

ANALYSIS

In June 2005, the Arts Commission approved a selection panel's recommendation of additions to the pool of pre-qualified artists for the bond-funded facilities, from which artists would be selected as new projects developed. This pre-qualified pool of artists is consistently updated as artists are depleted from the pool either by being chosen for a project or expiring after a period of

three years. On October 12, 2005, the Arts Commission approved the selection of four finalists recommended a panel composed of community members, the project design team, and client department representatives and the Public Art Committee. After review of the artists' proposals the community group recommended artist Lynn Goodpasture and her proposal of *Illumination*. Goodpasture proposed a group of exterior double-paned windows, the exterior pane of which will have embedded photovoltaic cells, while the interior pane will be decorated art glass. The windows would provide electricity to power an artist-designed light fixture.

The artist has developed her proposal to focus on the following language groups for the four windows: Latin, Russian, Vietnamese, and Indian. These language groups are the most commonly used by the surrounding community. The proposed light fixture is a 4-sided inverted pyramid, measuring 30'' on each side, and lit by LEDs. The fixture is suspended by 4 cables. For the design, the artist has chosen to work with cuneiform from 3100 BC, which predates all alphabets. The LEDs will slowly change color throughout the day.

The Public Art Committee recommended approval of Goodpasture's design development proposal on July 18, 2006 and asked staff to update the committee with additional drawings prior to presentation to the Arts Commission.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Public outreach for this action included national release of an RFQ seeking artists for the pre-qualified artists pool, and inclusion of representatives from the community on the artist selection panel. The following community meetings were held in facilitating the community development of this project:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
9/8/05	Pearl Library	Community Artist Selection
10/12/05	City Hall	Art Commission Artist Finalists
10/17/05	Pearl Library	Meet the Artists
12/12/05	Pearl Library	Concept Selection
12/13/05	City Hall	PAC Concept Review
4/18/06	City Hall	PAC Schematic Review
7/13/06	City Hall	PAC Design Development Review
9/12/06	City Hall	PAC design update.

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BUDGET REFERENCE

Fund #	Appn #	Appn Name	RC #	Total Appn	Amt. For Contract	2006-2007 Adopted Budget Page	Last Budget Action
472	5734	Pearl Avenue Branch	140385	\$8,136,000*	\$99,000	Page V-266	2006-2007 Appropriation Ordinance Section No 31.02

*Of the total appropriation, \$144,584 has been allocated towards Public Art.

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