



Legislation Text

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Agenda Item Name:

Reject Bids for West Lawn Art for Call to Artists 20-934

Presenter:

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Description:

Reject Bids for West Lawn Art for Call to Artists 20-934

Recommended Action:

Reject all bids and direct staff to return with a refined scope for art that will unify the community

Prior Board Motions:

Jan. 14, 2020 - approve the use of reserves as funding and grant Procurement permission to issue a Call to Artists to acquire art for both the west lawn and south wall within FY20.

Aug. 13, 2019 - Authorize staff to advertise final version with the Board's previous guidance that the Board is not looking to recognize or honor individuals, specific political concepts, or historical events be included so artist can respond appropriately.

June 25, 2019 - Approval of the Arts Council of Alachua County Strategic Plan, which includes funding for the West Lawn Statue in the amount of \$25,000.

April 16, 2019 - The Board had a general discussion during their April 16 Budget meeting about the statue, the status of the Call to Artists, and its funding.

May 23, 2017 - refer to the County Manager for recommendations on the following:

1. To Proceed with the empowerment of art review group as described and bring it to the Board as soon as it is ready.
2. The budget for the art will be discussed during the budget process.
3. The artist Search is not restricted to local artist community.
4. A Public Hearing should be held in the evening at the next convenient date so those citizens can propose concepts for the art. The Board is not looking to recognize/honor individuals, specific political concepts, or historical events but more of a concept of idea that is uplifting for everyone.

Fiscal Consideration:

N/A

Background:

In accordance with Ordinance 18-07, the Arts Council of Alachua County reviewed the six submittals and narrowed them to two. The group unanimously approved the following ranking:

1. Jenn Garrett
2. Leslie Tharp & Kenya Robinson

The Board is being requested to reject all submittals and direct staff to return with a more refined scope for art that will unify the community.

For a list of full submittals, please click: <https://alachuacounty.sharefile.com/d-s1c9e0c42d394317b>