



Legislation Text

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Agenda Item Name:

Select Winner of \$1,000 Prize for the West Lawn Concept

Presenter:

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Description:

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Recommended Action:

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Prior Board Motions:

Jul. 14, 2020 - authorize a \$1,000 prize for the Arts Council to hold a contest for the concept of the art project on the west lawn. The winning concept will go out for bid to artist to create a piece consistent with the winning concept.

Jun. 23, 2020 - defer this discussion until the Jul. 14 Commission meeting.

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:

\$1,000 set aside from the total budget of the art. This is budgeted in FY20 in Special Expense and will be carried forward into FY21.

Background:

At the Sept. 14 Arts Council meeting, the group ranked the 61 eligible submittals and selected Heidi Stein's, Jasmin Sprain's, and Matthew Hampson's West Lawn concepts to present to the County Commission for consideration for the \$1,000 prize. The winner's concept will be used for the Call to Artists for the West Lawn art. All submittals can be viewed by clicking:
<https://alachuacounty.sharefile.com/d-se9f97319a584a44b>.