



Legislation Text

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Agenda Item Name:

Select Inspiration for Bronze West Lawn Sculpture

Presenter:

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Description:

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Recommended Action:

As inspiration for a bronze sculpture to be placed on the west lawn of the Alachua County Administration Building, select from the following individuals:

1. Dr. Patricia Hilliard-Nunn
2. Dr. Cullen Banks
3. Reverend T. A. Wright

Prior Board Motions:

May 11, 2021 - exploring the private donor and other private funds and working together with truth and reconciliation committee and cultural affairs committee, and meaningful, durable, and impactful, and reject all submittals with gratitude.

Fiscal Consideration:

Not to exceed \$76,000 (50% of which is being contributed by an anonymous benefactor) for the fabrication, transportation and installation of the sculpture.

The FY22 Adopted Budget includes \$38,332 from General Fund Special Expense for the advertising and the artwork itself; 001.04.0490.519.49.00

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

Alachua County solicited nominations for names of prominent, deceased, African American Alachua County citizens to be the inspiration for a "Call to Artist" for a bronze statue to be erected on the west lawn of the Alachua County Administration Building. Eleven nominations were received. For your information, nominations and/or photos of the individuals are provided in sharefile link attached to this agenda item. The Community Remembrance Project Committee shortlisted the nominations to their top three (Dr. Patricia Hilliard-Nunn, Dr. Cullen Banks and Reverend T. A. Wright), which were forwarded to the Alachua County Historical Commission for vetting.

The Historical Commission researched the nominees and found nothing of concern in their background. The Historical Commission made the following motion at their November 8 meeting, "provide the three highest ranking nominees to the BoCC with order noted (Dr. Cullen Banks, Reverend T. A. Wright and Dr. Patricia Hilliard-Nunn), and ACHC supports the possibility of recognizing all 3 individuals if this is possible with existing resources."

The chosen nomination will be the inspiration for a Call to Artist for an artist to fabricate and install the bronze statue on the west lawn of the Alachua County Administration Building property.

The Community Remembrance Project Committee has asked the Board to consider a bronze sculpture of each of the three nominees.

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