

STAFF REPORT

Date: July 27, 2016

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Andrew Clinger, City Manager

Subject: E.2. Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Agreement with the Rotary Club of Reno (Downtown) and acceptance of a donation of goods and services to create a Sculpture Garden in Bicentennial Park located on the southeast corner of First and Ralston Streets in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

From: Christine Fey, Resource Development Manager

City of Reno Strategic Priority Alignment: Thriving Downtown and University District, Vibrant Neighborhoods and Public Places

Summary: The Rotary Club of Reno (RCOR) will create a sculpture garden in Bicentennial Park which will house six to seven freestanding pedestals and one or two at grade footings to hold temporary sculpture installations along the river for the enjoyment of visitors to the river corridor. The RCOR is donating the money, goods and services needed to add the sculpture garden to the existing park. Staff recommends approval of the agreement with the RCOR.

Previous Council Action: June 10, 2015 - Council unanimously approved the creation of a sculpture garden in Bicentennial Park by the Rotary Club of Reno.

Background: Bicentennial Park is located on the southeast corner of First and Ralston Streets along the Truckee River. On April 7, 2014, the Reno Arts and Culture Commission (RACC) voted unanimously to uphold the recommendation of the Public Art Committee (PAC) to work with the RCOR to develop a sculpture garden in Bicentennial Park. Since that time, city staff, PAC and RACC have worked on the design and function of the garden. The Sculpture Garden will change annually and will be named the Rotary Club of Reno Sculpture Garden in Bicentennial Park. The RCOR offered to provide this community asset in honor of their 100th anniversary.

On June 1, 2015, the RCOR presented the final concept and a video presentation to the RACC which they unanimously approved. On June 2, 2015, the Recreation and Parks Commission (RPC) received the same presentation and also approved the project. The PAC and RACC receive regular updates on the project.

Discussion: City staff has worked with the Rotary on the design, layout, and operational considerations for the sculpture garden. The RCOR has raised the money and pro bono services to reconfigure the park into a Sculpture Garden which will accommodate pedestals and lighting for the temporary sculpture exhibits.

In addition, to complete this project, the RACC earmarked \$50,000 from the Public Art portion of the Room Tax Fund toward the art components of this project. The City will contract with an artist who has construction experience, through a separate agreement, to design the exterior finish of six to seven above-grade pedestals as permanent art installations, which will also house the annual temporary sculpture exhibitions in an amount not to exceed \$38,000, and will provide the first annual artist honorariums for the sculpture exhibits.

The remaining funds, if any, will be used to retrofit the foundation of the permanent sculpture by Charles Ginnever on the west end of the park.

The RCOR, RACC and PAC will curate the first exhibition. In subsequent years, the RACC and PAC will work with the Nevada Museum of Art, the University of Nevada, Reno, Burning Man, Sierra Arts Foundation and other nonprofit visual arts organizations to curate the annual temporary exhibits. The RCOR will provide up to three members for the selection panels which will oversee the annual selection of sculptures for the garden.

Financial Implications: There are no financial implications for accepting the RCOR donation; however, there are additional funds described above in the amount of \$50,000 which will be used to complete this project. This portion of the project will have a separate contract.

Legal Implications: Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada Law.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the agreement with the Downtown Rotary Club of Reno.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

- Agreement for downtown Reno Rotary Sculpture Garden in Bicentennial Park 6-13-16 (PDF)