Department Source: Cultural Affairs

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: 6/5/17

Re: Future Percent for Art Project

Executive Summary

Planning for the city’s Columbia Sports Fieldhouse at Perry Philips Park is underway, and the project has a budget that meets the Percent for Art ordinance requirement of at least $1 million. Given that the Percent for Art ordinance specifically lists capital improvement projects like sports complexes as ideal for public art, staff is recommending that the new building be designated. At its May 8 Commission meeting, the Commission on Cultural Affairs made a motion to support the project being designated as a Percent for Art project.

Discussion

Budget estimates for Phase 1 of the Sports Fieldhouse are still preliminary, but Parks and Recreation staff reports that Phase 1 of the project are approximately $3.7 million resulting in a Percent for Art budget of $37,000. After setting aside funds for basic administration costs (not including staff salaries) and implementing a search for an artist, as well as for establishing a long term maintenance fund (generally 10% of the 1%), approximately $31,450 would be available for art at the site.

If the project is designated by Council, staff will schedule work with the city’s Standing Committee on Public Art and Commission on Cultural Affairs to initiate the project with the appropriate timing. As per the ordinance, Council will remain involved throughout each project via reports from the Commission and with final approval of artist selections and design concepts.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Percent for Art for the Sports Fieldhouse is budgeted within the overall project by Parks and Recreation so it is already incorporated into the costs for capital improvement. The total amount for the project will be $37,000. Of those funds, $31,450 will be set aside for the artist’s commission. This included construction, fabrication and installation. $3,700 will be set aside for lifetime maintenance and $1,850 for administration. No staff salaries are paid from Percent for Art funds. Any administrative dollars left at the close of the project will revert to the maintenance fund.

Long-Term Impact: N/A

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

[Vision Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/CMS/vision/reports/visiongoals.php)

Primary Impact: Arts and Culture, Secondary Impact: Community Character, Tertiary Impact: Community Pride and Human Relations.

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/city-manager/)

Primary Impact: Social Equity … Improving the Odds for Success.

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/community_development/comprehensive_plan/documents/ColumbiaImagined-FINAL.pdf)

Primary Impact: Economic Development.

Legislative History

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| N/A | None |

Suggested Council Action

Council motion designating the Columbia Sports Fieldhouse Phase 1 as an eligible Percent for Art project.