



AGENDA

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
February 13, 2014 7:30 a.m.
1401 Recreation Way

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CALL TO ORDER

CITIZEN DISCUSSION

Time for any individual to bring before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board any matter of interest they wish to discuss that is not on the agenda. *(Time limit: three minutes or as may be established by the Chair)*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from January 9, 2014 meeting
*(Minutes will be posted after 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday of the week of the meeting.
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CEREMONIAL ITEMS

- Certificate of Appreciation to the City of Colorado Springs - Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department for Passing a Smoke-Free Ordinance for the Park System in 2013
Susan Wheelan, Communication Director
El Paso County Public Health
- Recognition of Donors for the Sertich Ice Center Score Board:
 - G.E. Johnson Construction
 - Little CaesarsJohn Carricato, Park Operations Administrator
- Recognition of Acacia Park Ice Rink Partners:
 - Downtown Partnership
 - Colorado Springs Utilities
 - Jose Muldoon's
 - Classic Homes
 - The GazetteKaren Palus, PR&CS Director
- Special Recognition:
 - Susan Davies
 - Eric ParthenKaren Palus, PR&CS Director

- Recognition of AmeriCorps VISTA Program:
 - Deanna Thompson (Deerfield Hills Community Center) Jody Derington, Program Coordinator
 - Ben Palm (Meadows Park/Stratmoor Community Centers) Brian Kates, Program Coordinator
 - Stephanie Funari (Meadows Park Community Center) Brian Kates, Program Coordinator
- Calendar Winners Karen Palus, PR&CS Director
- Recognition of Chief of Staff Karen Palus, PR&CS Director

ACTION ITEM

- 1. Waldo Canyon Memorial at Mountain Shadows Park Matt Mayberry, Manager, Cultural Services

STAFF REPORT

- Forest Management Update Dennis Will, Forester
- Pioneers Museum Governance Update Matt Mayberry, Manager, Cultural Services
- 2013 Turf Update Kurt Schroeder, Manager, Park Operations and Development
- TOPS/CIP Update Chris Lieber, Manager, Park Development and TOPS Program
- 2014 On-Street Bike Projects Report
- EMS Memorial Update
- Joint City Council and Parks Board Meeting: Karen Palus, PR&CS Director
 March 12th, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Pioneers Museum

PRESENTATION

- City for Champions Proposal Bob Cope, Principal Analyst, Economic Vitality
- Buffalo Soldier Memorial Project Kurt Schroeder, Manager, Park Operations and Development
- Pikes Peak - America's Mountain Year-End Report Jack Glavan, Manager, Pikes Peak - America's Mountain

BOARD BUSINESS

- Board/Committee Reports and Remarks

ADJOURNMENT

COLORADO SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Date: February 13, 2014
Item Number: Action Item #1
Item Name: **Waldo Canyon Memorial in Mountain Shadows Park**

BACKGROUND:

In the aftermath of the Waldo Canyon Fire, Colorado Springs Together formed a committee to explore the creation of a piece of public art to serve as a memorial in the Mountain Shadows neighborhood. During the Mountain Shadows Park master planning process a location was selected and approved for this memorial. Since that time a memorial committee conducted a public process to select an artist to complete the memorial.

In October 2013, a call for artists was published via the Western States Art Federation website. Eighty-six artists submitted materials from which five artists were selected and paid to develop proposals. On January 10, 2014 the committee held an open house in which community members were invited to view and provide comment on each of the proposals. The committee then used this feedback to select a winning artist.

CURRENT STATUS:

Eileen Gay of Reno, Nevada submitted a proposal for a sculpture titled "Heart." The memorial committee is now finalizing negotiations and developing a contract with the artist.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services staff has worked closely with the memorial committee throughout this process and recommend approval of the following motion.

ACTION NEEDED BY THE BOARD:

To accept the proposed sculpture by Eileen Gay for installation in Mountain Shadows Park.

PARTIES NOTIFIED OF THIS MEETING:

Waldo Canyon Memorial Committee

EILEEN GAY

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Matt Mayberry - Director
Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum
Nora Gledich - Chair
Waldo Canyon Fire Memorial
Colorado Springs, CO

Re: Waldo Canyon Fire Memorial Public Art Project Proposal for "Heart"

Dear Matt & Nora;

Thank you, your panel and community for choosing my sculpture design "Heart" for fabrication and installation at Mountain Shadows Park.

This letter is a proposal for that commission. With time being of the essence, I hope that our previous discussions have made it possible to move efficiently through the paper work necessary so I can place orders for materials and get started as soon as possible.

- 1) Title: "Heart" - Waldo Canyon Fire Memorial Public Art for Mountain Shadows Park
- 2) Artist: Eileen Gay
- 3) Completion Date: On or before June 26, 2014
- 4) Project Summary: See attached Exhibit A for measurements and illustrated description of sculptural mosaic "Heart" to be installed in Mountain Shadows Park in Colorado Springs.
- 5) The project has been adjusted from its original scope to include a larger scale for the art and therefore its accompanying costs. Proposed budget for "Heart" is \$43,000 which will include but not be limited to development of drawings, manufacture or cause for the "Heart" to be manufactured, transport of "Heart" to the site at Mountain Shadows Park for installation, installation at the site with the aforementioned aid from by vendors supplied by the Colorado Springs parties noted in this proposal, participation in a dedication of the completed sculpture as requested, provide a maintenance document. This amount is proposed with the understanding that there will be efforts by the Colorado Springs Together to raise funds as pledged to raise funds in the amount of \$3,000 in order to complete the funding for this project and that the footing for the sculpture is not within Eileen's scope of work except as noted below.

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- 6) Eileen will provide opportunities to review the work in progress that can be shared with the community or the media if desired.
- 7) Mike Gaines, Structural Engineer for MGA Engineering in Colorado Springs will provide in-kind engineering consulting for the design to satisfy structural concerns / needs.
- 8) Colorado Springs Together will work with Mountain Shadows Park and local vendors to contribute the earthwork and footing prep and pour at the site as part of the hardscape work that is being done as a separate part of the overall project. This will not be a part of Eileen's scope of the work other than Eileen or her representative / helper will be available by schedule to oversee the siting / footing work.
- 9) It is understood that there will also be in-kind donations for aspects of the installation of the sculpture at the site such as but not limited to equipment and operator for lifting the sculpture into place.
- 10) Suggested payment schedule is attached as Exhibit B with the additional funds raised accounted for in the final installment to Eileen Gay.
- 11) Fabrication to commence as soon as Colorado Springs issues a Notice To Proceed to Eileen Gay.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Gay – Public Artist

Exhibit A

For the Waldo Canyon Fire Memorial, I envisioned a form with scale and materials that represent a large tree; split, blackened and hollowed out by fire yet, as a symbol of its strong heart, still reaching for the sky with a new growth of green. "Heart" represents an old growth tree twisting upward from its 4-6 foot girth to its 12 foot height.

The outside of the sculpture will be finished in mosaic using hand cut and nipped pieces of bark-like tile that will flow up towards the top where green glazed and glass tile fleck the surface representing the resurgence of new life in the 'tree'. The hollowed out center of the sculpture is open so that visitors can actually stand in it. In the floor a heart is set in the center of concentric rings of mosaic stones representing the core of the tree's strength. Blackened walls rise from the floor, surrounding the space within where memorial information can be inscribed. At the tops of the two halves, thick green glass pieces allow light to filter in. The concrete sculpture, high fire porcelain tile and glass are all sturdy, freeze thaw resistant materials that will retain beauty and color, while requiring little maintenance.

I envision "Heart" to be surrounded by deep play sand as the final surface at the memorial encouraging visitors to slow down and use the space as a thoughtful place. I also suggest seating boulders be placed in various locations around the sculpture as places for reflection. It would compliment the site to create additional seating on a new rock-like retaining wall for the area. The expanse of seating would add to the natural feel of the site and encourage visitors to enjoy the surrounding vistas.

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APPROX. 4'x6' FOOTPRINT

TILE MATERIALS SAMPLE



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Exhibit B

Fabrication and Installation Schedule:

Such work will be performed according to the following schedule:
All shop work will be complete to be installed before June 26, 2014

Suggested Payment Schedule:

Colorado Springs shall pay Eileen Gay (Artist) a not to exceed fee of \$43,000 which shall constitute full compensation for all services and materials to be performed and furnished by the Artist. The fee shall be paid in the following installments, expressed as percentages of the fee, each installment to represent full and final payment for all services and materials provided as of the date of payment.

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| Payment I: | 50% - \$21,500 upon written approval by Colorado Springs of the Artist's final proposal. |
| Payment II: | 20% - \$8,600 due May 1. |
| Payment III: | 30% - \$12,900 to be Invoiced upon completion of Installation. This amount shall include the \$3,000 amount pledged by the Colorado Springs Together group and its assigns - to be reconfirmed between that group and the artist, Eileen Gay. |

Items of Information for Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members

Article from the Gazette

- "Ready to open the park again - North Cheyenne Cañon Park reopens", January 5, 2014

Article from KOAA

- "Pikes Peak summit house work may start by '16", January 2, 2014

Minutes

- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes – January 9, 2014
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