

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2020 **AGENDA ITEM:** IX.a.
PROJECT NAME: E. REGIONAL LIBRARY
PRESENTATION: Approval of Artist FYOOG LLC’s Final Design for the East Regional Library, 6301 Bridge Street, 76112 (District 4)

PROJECT SUMMARY

- Community ID: Public Art in Neighborhoods (CID) Voting Panel’s Recommendation of E. Regional Library as an awarded project on September 13, 2010
- Art Commission approved Project Outline on July 8, 2013
- Art Commission approved Selection Panel Recommendations of FYOOG LLC on January 12, 2015
- Since community support for the *Wildflower* design divided, Council Member Moon recommended that a new artist selection process be initiated in 2018
- Ultimately, the original design team, FYOOG, was chosen, with a modified version of their *Wildflower* proposal. Selected Artist, FYOOG, which the Art Commission approved on August 13, 2018
- In late 2018, cost increases and other unexpected costs resulted in a value engineering study on the project
- Art Commission recommended to City Council to appropriate additional funds to the project on May 13, 2019
- As part of the FY2020 Reprogramming effort, City Council authorized an additional \$30,000 of funding to the project on April 7, 2020 (M&C 20-0205), allowing the project to proceed with minimal impact to the original design
- Artists entered an agreement with City to complete final design and revise the cost estimate on September 25, 2020

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the Final Design and cost estimate deliverables and recommends approval of the Final Design. The public art project manager (listed below) is available to answer questions prior to the meeting and at the meeting.

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval of this final design, City Council will be asked to authorize the City to enter into Artwork Commission Contract with FYOOG LLC to fabricate, deliver and install the artwork.

SITE MAP



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FINAL DESIGN PREVIEW



Artists' Rendering Preliminary Design of *Wildflower*

Artists Michelle Tarsney and Dan Cheetham, known as the artist team FYOOG LLC, were selected for the East Regional Library public art project based on their proposal, *Wildflower*. The design was inspired by a Fredrick Douglas quote, "Once you learn to read, you will forever be free" which they feel resonates with the ideals of public libraries. Comprised of a multiple colorful vertical elements, the artwork is an abstraction of a field of wildflowers, creating an impactful visual effect from Interstate 30 and reflecting the diverse nature of the surrounding community. Library visitors and pedestrians can explore the artwork up close and find community-suggested quotes and phrases about community and learning inscribed into a number of the elements.

The Project Manager, on behalf of the artists will share further details, including color variations, during the Final Design presentation at the Fort Worth Art Commission Meeting on Monday, December 14, 2020.