



City of La Quinta

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: December 8, 2014

ITEM TITLE: DISCUSSION REGARDING THE STYLE OF ARTWORK TO BE COMMISSIONED FOR THE SEELEY DRIVE ROUNDABOUT

AGENDA CATEGORY:

BUSINESS SESSION:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

STUDY SESSION: 1

PUBLIC HEARING:

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend a style of art or theme to be included in the Request for Proposals to be integrated in the Seeley Drive Roundabout. Staff suggests a realistic sculpture that is multi-generational and includes people and pet(s).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- The Art In Public Places Strategic Plan recommends more artwork be integrated into locations in North La Quinta.
- Direction is requested from the Commission to identify a style or theme for the artwork to be installed at the location.
- A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be sent out to artists to design, create, and install a sculpture in the center of the roundabout.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Art in Public Places Funding is available for this project. Actual budget will be determined by the project.

BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW:

The Art in Public Places Strategic Plan approved by the Community Services Commission outlines the desire to integrate more public art in north area locations.

Businesses and public facilities located in proximity to the roundabout are the Homewood Suites and Villas, George and Julia Argyros Eisenhower Medical Center, Pioneer Park and Dog Park and The Palms Senior Living Facility. The roundabout and future artwork would be maintained by the City.

Public art located in public and privately owned properties in North La Quinta include:

- Entry Monuments west of Washington and at Jefferson Streets (public)
- Cahuilla Family Sculpture at Point Happy Shopping Center (private)
- Custom Bus Stops along Highway 111 (public)
- La Quinta Court Fountains at LG's Steakhouse (private)
- Desert Scene at the La Quinta Car Wash (private)
- Eagles Sculptures at Lowe's Hardware (private)
- Bridge Railings at Adams and Jefferson Streets (public)
- La Quinta High School Mascot Mural (public)
- Signal boxes at Fred Waring St. and Palm Royale Dr., Miles Ave. and Seeley Dr., Date Palm Dr. and BlackHawk Wy. and Adams St. southwest of La Quinta Park. (public)

A Request for Proposals (RFP,) if approved by the City Council, will be sent out for the design and installation of a sculpture located at the Seeley Drive Roundabout (Attachment 1).

Once the City has received the submittals, the artists will be invited to attend the Community Services Commission meeting to describe their designs and outline how the work will be completed. Artists will be ranked on experience, approach to the project, project schedule, qualifications, written proposal, and verbal presentation.

The Commission will be asked to make a recommendation for City Council consideration. It is anticipated that staff will present the Commission's recommendation to the City Council at a City Council meeting in February 2015.

ALTERNATIVES:

Since staff is seeking direction from the Commission on the style or theme for the artwork in the Seeley Roundabout staff has no alternative recommendation.

Report prepared and approved for submission by: Edie Hylton, Deputy City Manager

Attachment: 1. Request for Proposals for the Seeley Roundabout Sculpture