

City of La Quinta

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING: January 11, 2016

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA TITLE: CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE ART PIECES FROM RICARDO BRECEDA FOR FUTURE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the purchase of art pieces for future Art in Public Places projects to the City Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- Ricardo Breceda, a metal sculpture artist, has art work he is interested in selling to the City of La Quinta.
- The art includes 2 or 3 Big Horn sheep, a T-Rex dinosaur, or a single horse standing on its back legs.
- The art pieces would be used for upcoming Art in Public Places projects in the north and south of La Quinta.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Dependent upon the Community Services Commission's direction, a recommendation to approve Art in Public Places (APP) funding for the purchase of the art pieces will be forwarded to the City Council. The APP fund currently has funds available for art purchases throughout the City.

BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW:

The City received a request to view available art pieces that Ricardo Breceda is currently selling in Aguanga, California. Staff recently took a trip to view the art pieces that could be used for upcoming APP projects in La Quinta. Ricardo Breceda's art work can be seen in the City of Vista, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and Jacumba Hot Springs.

The Big Horn sheep pieces (Attachment 1 & 2) are slightly larger than life size and are selling for \$1,600 per piece. The single horse standing on its back legs (Attachment 3) is approximately 8 feet tall and is selling for \$8,000. These pieces could be placed at a future roundabout or City owned facility. The T-Rex dinosaur (Attachment 4) is approximately 10 to 12 feet tall and is selling for \$10,000. This piece would be appropriate for the proposed skate park location in north La Quinta. Mr. Breceda is making this art available at a reasonable cost to reduce his inventory as he has limited space at this location. A custom designed piece requested of Ricardo Breceda would cost three times more than what he is selling the current art pieces.

ALTERNATIVES:

The purchase of one or more of these unique art pieces is recommended for purchase at the reduce costs and maintained in a city facility until it is ready for placement. Therefore, staff has no alternative recommendation.

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Attachments:

1. Big Horn sheep
2. Big Horn sheep close up
3. Horse on back legs
4. T-Rex dinosaur







