



Agenda Item Summary

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PLACEMENT: Old Business

TITLE:

PETER & JULIE CUMMINGS LIBRARY OUTDOOR PROJECT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Martin County Art in Public Places program is seeking to purchase or commission a public artwork for the Peter & Julie Cummings Library Outdoor Space located in Palm City.

BACKGROUND/RELATED STRATEGIC GOAL:

An outdoor pavilion has recently been constructed near the northern perimeter of the library parking lot, approachable by a 6-foot-wide sidewalk from the front entrance of the building. This informal, outdoor, covered space is used as an extension of the library for a variety of library programs and is available to the public for other leisure activities.

A Call to Artists went out in 2019 looking for a proposal for public art along the walkway leading to the pavilion and possibly next to the pavilion as well. The proposal could have a literary theme or relate to libraries/books, may be colorful or whimsical and appeal to residents of all ages. Sensory or interactive components could have a musical/auditory aspect initiated by the viewer. Kinetic components could also be incorporated. The project budget is \$30,000 and includes artist fee, proposal, design, artwork itself, materials, installation, shipping, insurance, travel and sales tax.

Four artists responded and the projects were presented at the May 26, 2020 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting. The Committee narrowed the field to three and directed staff to reconvene the subcommittee and get additional information about the proposed artwork from the artists, and from the County ADA representative. The original proposals, any supplemental information and revised scores are attached for your review.

The County ADA representative will be available at this meeting and all three artists will be invited to join as well.

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