



City Council Communication

AGENDA DATE: July 21, 2025

LEGISTAR ITEM #: Res 2025-037

PRESENTER: Melissa Sumner

DEPARTMENT: Community Relations

☐ Ordinance	☒ Resolution	☐ Public Hearing
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REQUEST

The Commerce City Cultural Council is requesting City Council approval of a new public art commission for CALU Park, consistent with the city's adopted [Public Art Master Plan](#). The Indigenous artwork piece represents each of the four tribes in the park name (Cheyenne, Arapaho, Lakota, and Ute), with members of the Indigenous community represented on the Art Selection Committee. The selected art was unanimously approved by the Cultural Council, which advances tonight's resolution for City Council approval.

BACKGROUND

The city's public art program calls for CIP projects over \$50,000 to budget 1% of construction costs toward public art, which would generally be located at/near the site of the project. The Cultural Council oversees the art selection process and convened an Art Selection Committee for CALU Park from January through May. At their meetings, the committee set the art selection criteria, reviewed 18 artist proposals submitted for consideration, and selected semifinalists to interview. Semifinalists presented their proposals to the committee on May 15, with the committee selecting the proposal from artist Marco Antonio Garcia. On May 20, 2025, the Cultural Council voted unanimously to approve the artwork and formally advance the recommendation to City Council for final approval. Note: Due to park being in a flood plain, artwork must be completely flat to the ground.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Contractor	Marco Antonio Garcia (artist)
Amount of Request/Contract	\$18,865
Amount Not To Exceed	N/A
Amount Budgeted	\$19,000

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION CONTINUED

Budget Year	N/A
Funding Source	CIP Public Art Fund
Additional Funds Needed	\$N/A
Funding Source (if funds needed)	N/A

PROJECT TIMELINE

Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date
Q3 2025	Q4 2025; likely November
Years and Months of Contract	Number of Times Renewable
N/A	N/A

JUSTIFICATION

☒ Council Goal	☒ Strategic Plan	☐ Work Plan	☐ Legal
Citation	City Council Goal #5: Promote City Unity and support our diverse community by encouraging community connectivity, fostering civic pride, and improving resident health and wellness. Strategic Plan Strategy 5.5: Beautify the city's physical space to encourage community pride through MyC3 and other strategies, Objective 5.5.1: Expand and bolster Public Art program to celebrate city heritage and culture		

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ASSIGNED

Board or Commission	Cultural Council
Recommendation	Unanimous Vote for Approval
Date of Recommendation	May 20, 2025

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Public Outreach included solicitation of residents and other community members to sit on the public art selection committee, the participation of those members, and opportunities to public comment on the process and/or selected art at meetings of the Cultural Council.
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CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION CONTINUED

AVAILABLE ACTIONS

- Available Action #1: Approve the resolution as submitted.
- Available Action #2: Request that the Cultural Council reconsider/revise the art recommendation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends option #1, approval of the resolution.