



Administrative Report

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Meeting Date: 4/28/2021

TO: PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
FROM: LAURIE KOIKE, INTERIM COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

TITLE

SELECTION OF FIVE LOCATIONS FOR PHASE V OF THE UTILITY BOX PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION

Discussion and possible action on the selection of five (5) locations for Phase V of the Utility Box Public Art Program.

BACKGROUND

On April 20, 2021 City Council approved the Public Art Commission's artwork selection for ten utility boxes for Phases III and IV of the Utility Box Public Art Program. To continue moving forward with the program, the Commission may discuss the selection of the next five utility box locations, one for each of the districts. Attached to this report is the September 23, 2020 Power Pt. presentation with photos of utility box locations and a spreadsheet outlining locations, the number of utility boxes at each location and artist information. The next step is for the City to enter into agreements with the artists and to secure permission/permit from CalTrans for the District 4 Artesia and Hawthorne location.

It should be noted that, of the five utility box locations to be chosen for Phase V of the program, two require special consideration. Both the artwork and location will be chosen at this meeting.

- **District 3 - 190th and Prospect (large box):** At the January 27, 2021 meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to have Interim Director Koike inquire with artist Eric Michael to see if he would be interested in submitting ideas for a companion piece for the existing "Boundaries" artwork that was installed on the adjacent small utility box in 2018. Artist Eric Michael is interested in creating a companion piece to the small box and has submitted three concepts, which are attached to this report.



- **District 1 - Northeast corner of S. Prospect Avenue and Palos Verdes Avenue:** In 2017, Friends of Redondo Beach Arts delivered a donation to the City of Redondo Beach in the amount of \$1,000 for the sponsorship of a utility box as part of the Utility Box Public Art Program. To date these funds have not been utilized. Friends of Redondo Beach Arts is formally requesting the Public Art Commission consider the utility box located on the northeast corner of S. Prospect Avenue and Palos Verdes Avenue during the next round of utility box selection for their sponsorship. Friends of Redondo Beach Arts is also requesting the utility box be wrapped with new artwork created by artist Erika Snow Robinson. Erika's application and artwork are attached.



The Public Art Commission will also need to select the utility box locations for Districts 2,4 and 5. The artwork will be selected at the May 26, 2021 meeting. Since late 2020, only a small number of new artist submissions has been received. At the January 27, 2021 meeting, the Commission discussed the creation of a flyer that would be used to promote the Utility Box Public Art program and a call for artists to submit artwork. A copy of the flyer will be submitted as a Blue Folder item prior to the April 28, 2021 meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

Power Pt. presentation with photos of utility box locations - September 23, 2020; updated for April 28, 2021

Spreadsheet with utility box locations; selected artists

Artist Erika Snow Robinson Application

Artist Eric Michael Artwork

Marketing Flyer - call for artists (Blue Folder)