



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: December 4, 2012

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Genevieve Row, Management Analyst
Community Services

Subject: Recommendation by the Fine Arts Commission
Council Liaisons to Place Historic Millard Sheets
Mosaic Mural Above the Entrance to the Civic
Center Parking Structure

Attachments: Photos of Millard Sheets Mural and recommended
location

INTRODUCTION

The Fine Art Commission and the Fine Art Council liaison (Councilmembers Bosse and Brucker) met on November 7, 2012 and a recommendation was made to install the Millard Sheet mosaic mural panels on the westerly facing wall of the Civic Center parking garage. All costs related to the installation of the mural would be paid for by the Fine Art Fund which is reserved for art related expenses. Staff seeks Council's approval of recommended location for placement.

DISCUSSION

The Fine Art Commission (FAC) has evaluated potential site locations for the mosaic mural titled "Early California Scene" created by renowned artist Millard Sheets that was originally donated and accepted by the City in 1987. The mural was removed from the Beverly-Wilshire Hotel by Carnevale and Lohr, (a marble, granite, and limestone fabrication and installation family company in the Los Angeles area since 1958), who graciously stored the mosaic for approximately 20 years without charge pending the selection of a suitable site.

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The FAC evaluated potential site locations for the mural making a motion to recommend the west facing wall of the Civic Center parking garage above the vehicular entrance from Rexford Drive as the site for installation. Recommendation was presented and approved by the Fine Art Council liaison (Councilmembers Bosse and Brucker) at a liaison meeting on November 7, 2012.

Project details, scope of work, and award of contract for site preparation and mural installation is on the consent calendar for the formal City Council meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of project, including contingency, will be \$273,440, determined from the lowest bid received on September 20, 2012.

The cost for the installation of the mural would come from the Fine Art Fund. The Fine Art Fund is generated from developer related fees and can only be spent for fine art related purpose. The balance of the Fine Art Fund as of November 14, 2012 was \$916,919.34.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks City Council approval of the west facing wall of the Civic Center parking garage above the vehicular entrance from Rexford Drive as the recommended site for installation of the mosaic mural titled "Early California Scene" created by renowned artist Millard Sheets.


Nancy Hunt-Coffey

Approved By

Attachment 1



Millard Sheets Mural





Millard Sheets Mural

CIVIC CENTER PARKING STRUCTURE

Westerly Facing Wall

