



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: May 5, 2015
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Assistant Director of Community Services
Subject: Information on status of fencing around Kusama's *Hymn of Life*

Attachments: Rendering of proposed fencing

INTRODUCTION

Staff and Commissioners from both the Fine Art Commission and Recreation and Parks Commission have been working diligently with a design firm, Craft Design Build, to formulate a fencing solution for the Kusama *Hymn of Life* piece. The designer has developed the attached rendering which has proven to be satisfactory to both commissions. This information is being provided to City Council as an update on this project.

DISCUSSION

After much discussion and feedback from the City Council, the Fine Art Commission engaged the services of designer John Lavezzo from Craft Design Build. Mr. Lavezzo took all of the feedback over the course of time that has been given on best ways to protect the Kusama piece. He then designed a fencing solution that will provide:

- the most protection for the piece with the least visual impact
- a more aesthetically pleasing solution than the simple post and cable "boxing ring" option.
- a less expensive option than the inverted barrier solution

The "arms" of the proposed solution would be 34" high and angle outward 30" from the base to the tip and would be made from narrow ½" powder coated steel plates. This is a low lying solution that still provides protection from people who may try to step over the fencing. The arms would be placed 5' apart from each other, and the outer most tip would not extend beyond the outer ring of the mow curb in order to prevent motorized maintenance equipment from hitting the arms. The cabling between the arms is proposed to be ¼" steel. A gate will be built at the back of the fence to allow for routine maintenance of the piece. Both the Fine Art Commission and the Recreation and Parks Commission have been generally supportive of this solution. The Fine Art Commission will review this cost estimate and an aerial view of this solution and take a final vote on the design and moving forward with the bid process at their meeting on May 21, 2015.

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FISCAL IMPACT

As with all construction projects, the true fiscal impact of this project will not be known until the project is bid; however, the solution is estimated to cost approximately \$63,600, including contingency.

As noted above, the Fine Art Commission will be presented with the cost estimate at their meeting on May 21, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff will move forward with completing the design and bidding this fencing solution unless the Fine Art Commission votes against the solution due to cost concerns at their May meeting, or unless staff is otherwise directed by City Council. As a result, this item is for City Council's information only.


Nancy Hunt-Coffey
Approved By

Attachment 1

