



Staff Report

City Council

Item No. {{section.number}}.B

Meeting Date: September 25, 2024

From: Anne V. Ambrose, Assistant City Manager

Title: Approve \$2,125.00 in Additional Art in Public Places Funds for the Ocotillo Bench Project

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve \$2,125.00 in additional Art in Public Places funds to paint two additional benches (\$500 each) as part of the Ocotillo Bench Project and amend the painting contract (an increase of \$1,125).

BACKGROUND:

On April 24, 2024 the City Council approved the Public Arts Commission's recommendations to allocate \$16,150 for the Ocotillo Bench Project. The budget included:

- \$11,500 in artist stipends (\$500 x 23 benches)
- \$4,150 to have a contract painter prime and seal all benches
- \$500 for incidental costs related to the painting project.

DISCUSSION:

When the original mapping of the park was done, there were two benches left off of the list as they were thought to be part of the skate park area. After further review, it was determined that the benches were the same as the other park benches and should have been included in the total number of benches to be painted. The Commission discussed this at their last meeting on September 10, 2024 and were in agreement that they should be added to the project. When the City Council approved the artwork for the benches, the Public Arts Commission included two alternates for the City Council's approval. Those artists will be contacted for inclusion in the project.

Staff contacted Public Works to get a revised quote for the painter who will be power washing and priming all of the benches and applying a topcoat once the benches are painted by the selected artists. In providing the revised quote, the contractor clarified that the original quote only included priming and sealing the seat portion of the benches. As each artist will be painting the entirety of the bench, a revised quote was solicited. The revised cost for the priming/sealing of the benches is \$5,275, an increase of \$1,125 over the original contract.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost impact of adding in two new benches is \$2,125 bringing the revised total project cost to a not to exceed amount of \$18,275. This will be funded out of the Art in Public Places Fund. If approved, there will be a remaining balance in the fund of approximately \$278,224.

FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN:

Goal B – Community Investment

Objective: Cathedral City roads, gateways, public spaces and other infrastructure are well planned, designed, constructed and maintained.

B-6 Maximize the use of existing resources to include underutilized parks and the library to support goals with the budget we have.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Updated Quote
2. Public Arts Budget