



Public Art Proposal

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Overview

A local artist is interested in loaning a large painting to the city. Works by artist Ken Toki are currently on loan at the McKinney Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the John and Judy Gay Library. The additional work, *Bellas Artes*, reflects a brilliantly colored Mayan/Mexican theme and is shown on the cover page.

Toki has requested the large work, approximately 8'x 5', be installed on the west wall of the Library, opposite his painting "Great West", which is also on loan. Both of these works have hung at the Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Fukuoka Art Museum in Japan. Toki has an impressive resume, showing works throughout Japan, France, Russia, Mexico and the United States. Locally, Toki was awarded 2014 Best in Show by the McKinney Art Club. He is currently an exhibiting artist at the Last Art Gallery, 105 East Louisiana Street.

Born in Fukuoka, Japan, Toki relocated to McKinney in 2008. His influences include nature, having produced major works on global warming, Texas Longhorns, Japanese Koi in Texas rivers and Texas oyster fishing boats.

Procedures

If approved by the Arts Commission at the January meeting, a recommendation to accept the donation as part of the City's Public Art Collection will be sent to the City Council.

City of McKinney Public Art Administrative Guidelines

Private individuals, foundations, corporations or other organizations may wish to give or loan the City of McKinney work or works of art for public display. These gifts and loans can enrich the City's public spaces. For permanent gifts and loans that would be on display for ninety days or more, the recommendations from City staff and the Arts Commission regarding acceptance of the gift or loan will be forwarded to City Council for approval. Once the loan or gift has been approved, a written agreement will be prepared detailing the roles and responsibilities of the City of McKinney and the entity lending or donating the work of art.

Requirements

The painting supports the vision and goals for public art as established in the master plan. The work is by a renowned local artist and holds cultural significance.

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The proposed loan is cost neutral:

- The piece is installed in a public space owned by the city.
- Additional insurance is not required.
- There are no anticipated maintenance or conservation costs.

Regarding additional requirements under the Public Art Guidelines:

- The artwork is appropriate for the site in scale and form.
- The placement of the work poses no safety or liability concerns.
- The artwork demonstrates excellence in aesthetic quality, workmanship, and creativity.
- The estimated fair value of the artwork is \$20,000.

Next Steps

If accepted by the City Council, a written agreement will be prepared to detail the roles and responsibilities of the City of McKinney and artist Ken Toki.
