



# CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS

## Legislation Text

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Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute, and Amend as Necessary, a Contract with Ai Qui Hopen, Sculptor, for the Fabrication and Installation of Unity Arch at Mitchell Park

**COUNCIL GOAL:** Enhance the Quality of Life in McKinney  
(5A: Create affordable recreational and cultural arts activities for all ages throughout the city)

**MEETING DATE:** February 5, 2018

**DEPARTMENT:** Housing and Community Development

**CONTACT:** Janay Tieken, Housing and Community Development Manager

**RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:**

- Approve Resolution to authorize City Manager to execute a contract with Ai Qui Hopen, Sculptor, for the fabrication and installation of the Unity Arch sculpture at Mitchell Park.

**ITEM SUMMARY:**

- The **professional services contract** with Ai Qui Hopen, Sculptor, in the amount of \$20,000 is attached.
- DFA, LTD (Dona Day and children Dana, Craig and Lisa Day) is providing \$20,750 of the \$41,500 project total. A **Pledge Agreement** for \$20,000 (the private portion of the \$40,000 contract) is attached.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- Proposals were received from forty-three (43) Artists. The Selection Panel chose three (3) artists to develop a Design Concept for the Mitchell Park Sculpture. Each artist was paid \$500 (\$1,500 total) to develop a design concept
- The three (3) sculpture models were displayed at MPAC during the Cultural Arts District designation celebration on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Residents commented on their favorite sculpture over a seven (7) day period.
- Resident comments favored the Unity Arch piece.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY:**

- The total cost of the sculpture, including design concepts is \$41,500. \$500 has already been paid to each of the three finalists for design concepts.

- Ai Qui Hopen, Sculptor, will be paid an amount, not to exceed \$40,000 to fabricate and install the Unity Arch sculpture.
- Per the Public Art Master Plan approved by City Council, at least 50% of funds for public art projects will come from sources other than the City. The total remaining cost of the project is \$40,000. \$20,000 will be paid from the Public Art Fund (058-and the \$20,000 match will be provided by DFA, LTD (Don Day and children Dana, Craig and Lisa Day)
- The concrete base for the sculpture and landscaping around the sculpture, will be provided by the Parks Department. Engineering for the concrete base will be provided by Don Day at no charge to the City.

**BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

- On November 29, 2018, the Mitchell Park Sculpture Subcommittee met and recommended the Mitchell Park Sculpture contract award to Ai Qui Hopen, Sculptor, for the Unity Gate design.
- On January 17, 2019, the McKinney Arts Commission voted to recommend the design to City Council for contract approval