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TITLE: Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Approving a Public Art Benji Statue Rendering and Authorizing the City Manager Signature for the Contact with the Artist

COUNCIL GOAL: Enhance the Quality of Life in Downtown McKinney

MEETING DATE: June 7, 2022

DEPARTMENT: McKinney Performing Arts Center and McKinney Arts Commission

CONTACT: Amy Rosenthal - Director of MPAC and Main Street

RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

- Approve the Resolution for the Artist Rendering and Authorize the City Manager to execute the Artist Contract.

ITEM SUMMARY:

- In 2013 City Council approved Resolution 2013-11-170 adopting the Amended Public Art Guidelines, which outlines the process for selecting and approving Public Art Projects and the use of City Public Art Funds.
- The Public Art Guidelines require all projects have a 50% match of external funds.
- The professional services contract with Susan Norris is attached.
- McKinney resident, Elizabeth Riddle, is providing a private match of \$10,000 toward the project. A Pledge Agreement for the donation is attached.
- The Benji sculpture will be installed on the sidewalk at the southeast corner of Tennessee Street and Virginia Street.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The Artist and Design for sculpture was selected by a Public Art Selection Subcommittee of the McKinney Arts Commission.
- The Benji sculpture is based on the canine character from the 1974 movie, 'Benji,' with many scenes filmed in downtown McKinney and in the historic

neighborhood.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

- The estimated total cost for the Benji sculpture, base and installation is \$20,000.
- The artist was paid a \$250 rendering fee. The artist contract is for \$15,000 with \$5,000 remaining for creation of the base and installation.

BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

- The McKinney Arts Commission recommends awarding the Benji sculpture artist contract to Susan Norris.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS:

[Resolution](#)
[Agreement](#)