

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** April 12, 2023

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Thru:** Doug Thornley, City Manager

**Subject:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation, discussion, and potential approval of Moana Springs Community Aquatics and Fitness Center Public Art Project timeline and call for artists in an amount not to exceed \$700,000. (Capital Projects Fund)

**From:** Megan Berner, Senior Management Analyst

**Department:** City Manager's Office – Arts and Culture

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**Summary:**

At the January 25, 2023 City Council Meeting, Council approved the amendment of the contract with CORE Construction for the Moana Springs Community Aquatics and Fitness Center. Reno Municipal Code Title 22 Public Art requires that appropriations for eligible construction projects shall include an amount equal to two percent of the total eligible project costs to be used for artist design services and for the selection, acquisition, display and maintenance of artworks. The amount set aside for public art at the Moana Springs Community Aquatics and Fitness Center is \$700,000. At the January 25, 2023 meeting, Council requested that the call for artists for the Moana Springs Community Aquatics and Fitness Center come before Council for input before it was opened up for applications.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

Arts, Parks, and Historical Resources

**Previous Council Action:**

There is no previous Council action on this item.

**Background:**

Reno Municipal Code Title 22 Public Art requires that appropriations for eligible construction projects shall include an amount equal to two percent of the total eligible project costs to be used for artist design services and for the selection, acquisition, display and maintenance of artworks. \$700,000, an amount equal to two percent of the total eligible project costs, has been set aside for public art at the Moana Springs Community Aquatics and Fitness Center. Staff has identified

multiple potential locations for artwork at the new facility.

**Discussion:**

Staff has created a call for artists and timeline for the Moana Springs Community Aquatics and Fitness Center Public Art Project. The call for artists follows industry standards for a commission of this scope and is in the form of a Request for Qualifications. Staff is recommending that the call for artists and subsequent award require multiple artworks for the site due to the amount of funding, the potential spaces for artwork, and an opportunity to create a cohesive and overarching vision for the facility. The main areas identified for artwork placement in the call include the park and grounds, the entry lobby, the north façade, the outdoor soaking pool, and the interior main corridor. The call includes information on the history of the site as well as an overall site plan. The call for artists has been reviewed by the Public Art Committee of the Reno Arts and Culture Commission and the Reno Arts and Culture Commission and includes their recommendations. The call for artists is coming to Council for input and approval before being released.

**Financial Implications:**

The total cost of public artwork at the Moana Springs Community Aquatics and Fitness Center is \$700,000 from the Capital Projects Fund. This includes all costs associated with the purchase and installation of artwork including artist fees, design fees, materials, fabrication, engineering, permitting, insurance, travel, installation, and maintenance.

**Legal Implications:**

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends Council approve the call for artists in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.

**Proposed Motion:**

I move to approve staff recommendation.

**Attachments:**

Call for Artists Moana Springs Public Art