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Review and Recommendation of Public Art - Fair Oaks Park Renovation

Community Services Coordinator, Kristin Dance provided an overview of the park and proposed locations for public art. Ms. Dance reminded commissioners that what they were seeing were concepts only and that after the presentations, the commission would rank the proposals. Ms. Dance then introduced the first speaker, Solomon Bassoff of Faducci.

Mr. Bassoff spoke on Faducci's proposed pieces. Presentation highlights included: design concept, images of proposed pieces, and community involvement aspects.

Commissioners inquired and Mr. Bassoff or staff responded:

- How big is the dog? Six-feet, six-inches tall and six-feet wide.
- Why medieval theme? That is the theme of the park.
- Is it possible to design the figures for individuals that may not be able to climb onto the foot holds? We could possibly do a ramp.
- Will there be lighting? Ms. Dance informed the commission that lighting is a requirement.

Ms. Dance introduced the second speaker, Archie Held.

Mr. Held spoke on his castle structure. Presentation highlights included: design concept, images of proposed pieces, and community involvement aspects.

Commissioners inquired and Mr. Held or staff responded:

- How big are the windows? Could youth fall through? The structure is sealed at the top and at the windows.
- It is easily maintained? Yes, it is powder-coated.

Ms. Dance introduced the third speaker, Cork Marcheschi.

Mr. Marcheschi spoke on his proposed abstract sculptures. Presentation highlights included: design concept, images of proposed pieces, materials, and samples of past work.

Commissioners inquired and Mr. Marcheschi or staff responded:

- Will all the items be out front of the park? Yes
- Maintenance on lights? I can guarantee 15 years life from any LED light we use.
- Are the colors you showed, the colors you will use? Not planning much, we could

discuss colors.

- Are the lights solar powered? The lights are electrical and will run at 125 watts per pole.
- Are there any movable parts? Only when being assembled.
- Are there three pieces? Ms. Dance informed the commissioners that Cork's vision was to have three, however only two are guaranteed.
- Could two be done out front and then a smaller one at the dog park? Yes, that is possible.

Ms. Dance introduced the fourth speaker, James Moore.

Mr. Moore spoke on his proposed sculptures. Presentation highlights included: importance of public art, design concept, images of proposed pieces, materials, and samples of past work.

Commissioners inquired and Mr. Moore or staff responded:

- What is the connection to the Old English Theme? The nod to Old English is in the finish of the pieces.
- The sculptures show playing certain sports. Are these sports played at Fair Oaks? Ms. Dance replied, yes.
- First park with cricket, could we include that? These are conceptual pieces. Yes, we could take that into consideration.
- Do we have to connect to the theme? Ms. Dance replied that was up to the commission and what they wanted to see in the park.

Ms. Dance informed the commission that the fifth speaker, Vickie Jo Sowell was not there. Community Services Manager, Trenton Hill read the description of Ms. Sowell's sculpture.

Commissioners inquired and staff responded:

- Is it to scale in image? I believe so.
- Who maintains the site for the URL or QR code? That would need to be looked into. As a general rule, the City does not promote other webpages.
- What are the materials? Stainless steel and patinaed with antique silver and black finish.

Vice Chair Eskridge asked if there were any other questions.

With no additional questions, Ms. Dance stated that that concluded the

presentations for Fair Oaks Park.

Vice Chair Eskridge asked if there were any Public Comments. Being none, they moved forward.

Commissioners ranked the proposed pieces.

The Commission ranked the five proposed pieces for Fair Oaks Park in the following order:

1. James Moore
2. Cork Marcheschi
3. Vickie Jo Sowell
4. Archie Held
5. Faducci

Commissioner Gluckman made a motion that the preferred art include all sports at Fair Oaks Parks. Vice Chair Eskridge seconded the motion. Commissioner Serrone suggested a friendly amendment, that the sculptures remain more abstract to depict a mix of sport options available at Fair Oaks Parks. Commissioner Gluckman accepted the friendly amendment and Vice Chair Eskridge seconded. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 4 - Vice Chair Eskridge  
Commissioner Gluckman  
Commissioner Serrone  
Commissioner Veith

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Chair Vaughan

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Vice Chair Eskridge asked if anyone had any questions of staff on the proposed study issue. There were none.

Vice Chair Eskridge if there was a motion to defer or drop the Study Issue. With there being none, she asked if commissioners had any other questions.

Commissioners inquired and staff responded: