



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

Funding is included in the "Municipal Art Fund" project in the 2007 adopted Capital Budget for the Department of Planning and Community and Economic Development.

Title

Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into a contract, not to exceed \$10,000, with artist Melanie A. Kehoss, for all expenses related to the design, creation and implementation of a Public Art Work for the Cypress Spray Park.

Body

WHEREAS, the Common Council adopted Resolution, I.D. 30476 on March 19, 2002 adopting the Public Art Framework and Field Guide for Madison, Wisconsin and recommendations contained in the framework; and

WHEREAS the Framework recommends the Madison Arts Commission focus on City capital projects as a primary way to introduce public art into the life of the City; and

WHEREAS the Common Council adopted Resolution, ID 05565, on March 21, 2007 approving the construction of the Cypress Spray Park; and

WHEREAS many components of the spray park project could be enhanced or modified as part of a public art feature; and

WHEREAS, The Madison Arts Commission, whose mission it is to make the arts an essential part of the lives of all of Madison's citizens, identified Cypress Spray Park as a site for the placement of art work at their October 24, 2006 meeting; and

WHEREAS, this project is identified as a potential expenditure from the Municipal Art Fund in the 2007 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, the \$10,000 will be all-inclusive, covering artists' fees, materials and fabrication costs, installation, insurance, travel, artist residencies and presentations, and other related expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Madison Arts Commission issued a request for qualifications on April 11, 2007 inviting artists to submit qualifications and a statement of interest in creating art work for the Cypress Spray Park, resulting in the selection of three qualified artists for consideration; and

WHEREAS, three proposals were presented to the Madison Arts Commission Public Art Subcommittee, on October 29, 2007, at an open meeting in a community meeting room in the Villager Mall, within walking distance from the neighborhood where the project is slated to be installed; and

WHEREAS, the selection process involved mechanisms for input from neighborhood members and City stakeholders including the Parks Division, the South Madison Police Department, representatives from the Burr-Oaks Neighborhood association, Lincoln Elementary school staff and parent-teacher organization, artists and other neighborhood residents residing in Aldermanic District 14; and

WHEREAS, the Public Art Standing Committee, in collaboration with other stakeholders, determined that

Melanie A. Kehoss' proposal entitled "1-2-3 Go!" best addressed the interests and needs of the community within the allotted budget, and the Madison Arts Commission voted to recommend the approval of Melanie A. Kehoss at its meeting of November 13, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into a contract, not to exceed \$10,000, with artist Melanie A. Kehoss, for all expenses related to the design, creation and implementation of a Public Art Work for the Cypress Spray Park.