



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Jerry Allen

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** April 27, 2005

Approved

*Ray Winer*

Date

*5/2/05*

Council District: 10

**SUBJECT: AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF SAN JOSE AND RAY KING TO  
FABRICATE AND INSTALL A PUBLIC ARTWORK AT THE  
ALMADEN BRANCH LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER**

## RECOMMENDATION

Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with artist Ray King to fabricate and install a public artwork at the Almaden Branch Library and Community Center, in an amount not to exceed \$155,000.

## BACKGROUND

With the passage of Bond Measures O and P in November 2000, the City of San José is undertaking reconstruction, replacement or expansion of branch libraries, and renovation and/or replacement of nearly 100 City parks and recreation facilities. Almaden Branch Library and Community Center, at 6455 Camden Avenue, is one of the projects resulting from the bond measures. A \$414,349 budget for public art has been identified as part of the Almaden Branch Library and Community Center capital project: \$37,000 for design; \$315,197 for fabrication and installation; and \$62,152 for administration.

In May 2000, the Arts Commission approved a selection panel's recommendation of a pool of pre-qualified artists for the bond-funded facilities, from which artists would be selected as new projects developed. This pool of artists is replenished several times each year as artists are chosen for projects and the pool becomes depleted.

## **ANALYSIS**

On November 12, 2003, the Arts Commission approved a community panel's selection of Ray King as one of three artists to create work at the Almaden Branch Library and Community Center. On March 9, 2005, the Arts Commission approved a proposed design by Ray King and recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a fabrication and installation contract with Ray King.

Ray King's artwork design, "Spectral Cloud," is a suspended sculpture that will hover above the atrium of Almaden Branch Library and Community Center. The sculpture consists of thousands of optical glass prisms suspended from a web of stainless steel cables. It will define the building entrance with continuously changing shafts of colored light and be activated by both daylight and the artificial light.

## **OUTCOME**

Ray King's artwork will provide esthetic enhancement to the entrance of Almaden Branch Library and Community Center.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

Community participation in this project was sought through 4 public meetings convened in the neighborhood and attended by community members and stakeholders including library users. Twenty community representatives, at an open public meeting, met to review artists' materials from the pre-approved pool with the purpose of determining the artistic goals for the project and selecting an artist to develop a design proposal. This community group selected artist Ray King to create an artwork using glass, artist Lisa Reinertson to create a sculpture, and the artist team Evans & Brown to create a mural. Community members attended the Arts Commission's Public Art Committee reviews of artwork designs at all project stages.

In addition to the neighborhood meetings, 7 publicly noticed meetings were convened (4 Public Art Committee and 3 Arts Commission) at which the artist selection, design concept and the final design proposal were reviewed and discussed.

## **COORDINATION**

This memorandum has been coordinated with Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, the Budget Office, the Library Department, and the City Attorney's Office.

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**BUDGET REFERENCE**

Fund #	Appn #	Appn Name	RC #	Total Appn	Amt. For Contract	Adopted Capital Budget Page	Last Budget Action
472	4315	Almaden Branch Library		\$1,746,000*	\$155,000	V- 453	02/08/05, Ord. No. 27350
471	6883	Public Art-Parks and Recreation Bond Projects		\$2,765,000**		V-907	10/14/04, Ord. No. 27267

\* Of the total budget, \$159,565 has been allocated towards Public Art

\*\* Of the total Parks and Community Centers Capital Facilities Program Public Art budget, \$254,784 has been allocated to Public Art at the Almaden Branch Library and Community Center

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