COUNCIL AGENDA: 12.14.04
ITEM: 2.32

CITY OF SAN JOSE
CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Jerry Allen
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SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: December 9, 2004

Approved Kay Winer Date 12/9/04

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 10

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT OF AN ARTWORK RECOGNIZING DORIS DILLON AT ALMADEN BRANCH LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approval of additional architectural, engineering and public outreach services for the Almaden Branch Library and Community Center, in the amount of $100,000, to recognize Doris Dillon.

2. Adopt the following Appropriation Ordinance Amendments in the Construction Tax and Property Conveyance Tax Fund: Parks Purposes Council District 10:

   A. Increase the Council District 10 Public Art appropriation by $100,000.
   B. Decrease the Ending Fund Balance by $100,000.

BACKGROUND

Doris Dillon, a beloved teacher and leader in the Almaden Valley, died in early 2004. In May 2004, a group of community members sought to name the Almaden Branch Library in her honor. The Library Commission rejected this request in favor of naming the Children's Library for Mrs. Dillon. This request was approved by City Council in August 2004. There is a request from Vice Mayor Dando to further recognize Dillon's contributions to learning and the community through architectural elements in the building and through an artwork, depicting a storyteller, in the entry plaza of the Almaden Branch Library and Community Center.

The Almaden Branch Library and Community Center includes the work of three other artists: Ray King, who has designed a glass artwork; Evans & Brown, who have designed interior

murals; and Lisa Reinertson, who has designed an exterior sculpture. A community-based panel selected these artists and the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into design contracts with them in May 2003.

At its last public meeting on May 11, 2004, the Public Art Task Force reviewed and approved the three design proposals. Following that approval, Vice Mayor Dando requested an additional mural at the Library by Evans & Brown, for which the Library Development Team identified a funding source.

ANALYSIS

Library staff and the architect have identified several minor changes to the design of the Children's Library that will be implement to recognize Doris Dillon. In addition, there is an opportunity to create a new artwork to recognize Dillon in the entry plaza of the Almaden Branch Library and Community Center. Funds are available for this work in District 10 Construction Tax and Property Conveyance Tax Funds. The costs outlined below include both architectural design services and the costs of commissioning and fabricating a new artwork for the entry plaza.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

There has been extensive public outreach in the development of the first three design proposals. All three artists developed their projects with the involvement of a Public Art Task Force (PATF) comprised of 25 Almaden Valley community members. This PATF has guided the effort from visioning, through artist selection, proposal development and review. In addition, Lisa Reinertson consulted with Rosemary Cambra, Tribal Chair of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribal Council, on the design of her sculpture, which depicts an Ohlone woman in a canoe, the sides of which are embellished with a bas-relief showing the geological and botanical evolution of the Almaden Valley. The Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) anticipates a new public outreach effort in the commissioning of a Doris Dillon recognition artwork.

Given the urgency of the request to address the Doris Dillon recognition works, OCA and the Library have agreed to call a joint meeting in January 2005 to review all recognition proposals currently being considered for the Almaden Branch Library and Community Center.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Manager's Office, Library Department, Budget Office and the City Attorney's Office.

COST IMPLICATIONS

The architect has estimated the cost of architectural revisions to the building that will be necessitated by recognition elements in the building and interaction with an artist on design of a new artwork. In addition, there will be costs to commission an artist, fabricate and install a new artwork and for additional public meetings.

Artwork costs	$ 90,800
Architectural Revisions	9,200
Total Redesign Costs	**$100,000**

Approval of any change orders arising from this action will follow the procedures set forth in the Municipal Code.

BUDGET REFERENCE

Fund #	Appn. #	Appn. Name	Total Appn.	Adopted Capital Budget Page	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)
389	7999	Ending Fund Balance	$1,451,879	Page V-682	10/12/04 Ord, 27267
389	5753	Council District 10 Public Art	$ 6,000	Page V-687	

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