Resolution 2013-261

Resolution Approving the Installation of Public Art Medallions in the New Lake Walk at Powderhorn Park and a Maintenance Agreement for the Artwork with Gita Patina, LLC.

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is a steward of the Minneapolis parks;

Whereas, Public artist Gita Ghei of Gita Patina, LLC. has a grant work plan approved by the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, funding provided by the City of Minneapolis, and a grant from the Cynthia Krieg Fund of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District to work with youth to design and install cast bronze medallions to promote water quality awareness;

Whereas, The MPRB was approached by the City of Minneapolis to recommend placement of the medallions;

Whereas, Because of community interests, positive impact and the serendipitous plan to replace concrete walks around Powderhorn Lake, staff, with the support of District 3 Commissioner, selected Powderhorn Park as the proposed location for the artwork;

Whereas, Gita Patina, LLC. has engaged the community and area youth for inspiration in medallion design including a public meeting on July 9, 2013;

Whereas, Staff has reviewed medallion designs and believes they are compelling and appropriate and that they can be successfully flush-mounted into new concrete walkways;

Whereas, Gita Patina, LLC. will be responsible for all costs associated with the design, fabrication, installation and continued maintenance of the public art medallions for a ten-year period; and

Whereas, This resolution is supported by the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan, which envisions “Dynamic parks shape city character and meet diverse community needs”;

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners approve the installation of public art medallions in the new lake walk at Powderhorn Park and a maintenance agreement for the artwork with Gita Patina, LLC.; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board and Secretary to the Board are authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

TO: Administration & Finance Committee

FROM: Bruce Chamberlain, Assistant Superintendent for Planning

DATE: August 7, 2013

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving the Installation of Public Art Medallions in the New Lake Walk at Powderhorn Park and a Maintenance Agreement for the Artwork with Gita Patina, LLC.

BACKGROUND

This Board action considers approval of public art medallions in the new lake walk at Powderhorn Park and a maintenance agreement for the artwork with Gita Patina, LLC. The artwork has been designed and will be fabricated by Gita Patina, LLC, in cooperation with school aged children from across the city to call attention to the need for all citizens to help protect and improve water quality in our streams and lakes. Funding for the artwork is from the City of Minneapolis and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District through their Cynthia Krieg fund.

The Public Artist, Gita Ghei of Gita Patina, LLC. has been working with the City of Minneapolis Public Arts Administrator, Mary Altman, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board staff to design publically inspired medallions. Pending Board approval, the medallions will be installed in the soon-to-be-constructed lake walk around Powderhorn Park.

There has been extensive public engagement between the artist and area youth. The artist has taken groups of children on field trips to Minnehaha Falls and a wastewater treatment plant. Medallion designs drawn by youth will be transferred to laser-cut wood, and formed into bronze castings. The castings will be installed by the project general contractor, Thomas and Sons Construction, with the installation cost paid by the artist. There will be approximately 30 bronze medallions cast and set into the new concrete displaying the nature/water themed artwork of the youth contributors.

On July 9, 2013, staff publicized and held a public meeting to introduce the artist and explain the design and installation process. Community response was very positive.

The maintenance agreement has been reviewed and approved by legal counsel.

FUNDING/COST SUMMARY

No MPRB funds will be used to implement the project.

RELATED BOARD ACTIONS

June 6, 2012 Resolution #2012-199 - The Board approves the concept plan for the Powderhorn Path and Lighting Improvements

May 5, 2013 Resolution #2013-211 - The Board approves a construction contract with Thomas and Sons Construction, Inc. for the Powderhorn Path and Lighting Improvements

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approving installation of public art medallions in the new lake walk at Powderhorn Park and a maintenance agreement for the artwork with Gita Patina, LLC.

This action is supported by the following vision and goal statements in the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan.

Vision Theme 2: Recreation that inspires personal growth, healthy lifestyles, and a sense of community.

Goal: Residents, visitors, and workers enjoy opportunities to improve health and fitness.

Goal: People connect through parks and recreation.

HISTORY:

07/24/13	**Administration & Finance Committee**	**ADOPTED**

ATTACHMENTS:

- Final Plaque Detail (PDF)
- 3TWP (JPG)
- Powderhorn Park Public Art Opportunity (PDF)
- Powderhorn Park Public Art Maintenance Agreement TWP (DOC)

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