



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of September 10, 2013

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of September 17, 2013

DATE: August 12, 2013
TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager
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Use of Permanent Art Trust funds to complete sculpture installation and identification

CAPTION:

Motion to approve an \$9,920 expenditure from the Permanent Art Trust Fund for expenses related to fabrication, re-installation, and identification of Chin art sculpture at the American Bank Center on the Corpus Christi Bay Front.

PURPOSE:

To approve Arts and Cultural Commission's recommendation to use Permanent Art Trust Funds for the fabrication and re-installation of a sculpture by Mel Chin at the American Bank Center on the Corpus Christi Bay Front. Also included are identifying plaques for each of the 5 sculptures.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In December 2012, one of the 5 sculptures titled "Untitled History" by Mel Chin was vandalized as someone had stolen a portion of the sculpture by forcibly prying it off its base (see attachment). The artist agreed to re-create and install the missing portion of art for \$8,800. Also recommended by the Arts and Cultural Commission are installation of 4 additional bronze plaques (\$1,120) so that all of the 5 sculptures are properly identified.

As per municipal code, disbursements from the Permanent Art Trust Fund are recommended by the Arts and Cultural Commission to the City Council for approval by motion. The Arts and Cultural Commission voted to recommend using Permanent Art Trust funds to fund the fabrication and installation of the Mel Chin art repair at their April 9, 2013 meeting, and the recommendation for the bronze plaques at their August 13, 2013 meeting.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not approve funding request.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

None

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

City Council action is required for use of Permanent Art Trust funds.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal; Accounting; Budget

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Fiscal Year: 2012-2013	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		9,920		9,920
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE		9,920		9,920

Fund(s): Community Enrichment Fund 4720 –Permanent Art Trust

Comments: none

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Attachments – Photo of vandalized art by Mel Chin; 5 sculptures by Mel Chin.