



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Harrison West Society has completed five public art projects, including four in Harrison Park designed by CCAD students. Park development plans always called for a fifth sculpture and the Society wished to have a professional visual artist complete that artwork, drawing on monies set aside for improvements to the park. Columbus Public Art Program staff was approached about City participation in this artwork. The Development Department agreed to administer the project and contribute public art funding to the effort at a 2:1 ratio, pending City Council approval.

Staff worked with neighborhood representatives to draft a statewide Artist Call/Request for Qualifications (RFQ), which was reviewed by the Columbus Art Commission (CAC) in September 2014. A web-based survey was conducted shortly thereafter to solicit community input to add to the artist call and it was released in December of last year and open through mid-January 2015.

An Artist Advisory Panel with community, art and design professional representation was approved by the CAC and met on January 26 to review the qualifications of the 20 submissions received. The Panel selected three artist finalists to complete site specific public art proposals for the project: Jon Barlow Hudson, (Yellow Springs); Xan Palay (Columbus); and Todd Kime (Ottawa Hills). The artist finalists were approved by the CAC on January 27, following which, legislation was approved allowing the Department to enter into design proposal contracts with the artists.

On July 25 the Harrison West Society hosted an event for the artists to present their proposals. Community members in attendance voted for their preferred artwork and the voting process carried over to the City's website for a two week period. A combined 608 votes were cast and Todd Kime's proposal, *Through*, was selected, having garnered 77% of the votes.

The Columbus Art Commission unanimously gave Kime's proposal the requested conditional approval at their hearing on September 28, 2015. Final approval will be requested once the artist is in contract and artwork details finalized. Harrison West Park is located within the Harrison West Reach section of the Riverfront Vision, a plan adopted by Council on June 1, 1998. (Todd Kime: contract compliance #280523513, expiration 2/25/17)

FISCAL IMPACT: \$60,000 from the Miranova TIF - City Riverfront Vision Account and \$30,000 from the Recreation and Parks Permanent Improvement Fund has been allocated for this project.

To authorize the appropriation of \$60,000 from the Miranova TIF - City Riverfront Vision Account; to authorize the Director of Development to enter into a contract with Todd Kime for the final design, fabrication, and installation fees to complete a permanent public artwork in Harrison Park; and to authorize the expenditure of \$60,000 from the Miranova TIF - City Riverfront Vision Account and \$30,000 from the Recreation and Parks Permanent Improvement Fund. (\$90,000)

WHEREAS, the Public Art Program and the Harrison West Society saw an opportunity to collaborate on a neighborhood-based public art project for Harrison Park; and

WHEREAS, following a state-wide Artist Call/RFQ, three artists were selected by an art advisory panel and confirmed

by the Columbus Art Commission to each create public art proposal for the Park; and

WHEREAS, legislation was approved by Council (Ordinance # 0621-2015) encumbering funds and authorizing the Director of Development to enter into contract with the three artists for each to develop a site-based public art proposal; and

WHEREAS, following a community presentation and two weeks of web-based voting, Todd Kime's proposal, *Through*, was selected; and

WHEREAS, on September, 28, 2015 the Columbus Art Commission unanimously gave conceptual approval to Kime's proposal for the purpose of the City entering into contract with Kime for the final design, fabrication and installation of, *Through*, at Harrison Park; and

WHEREAS, Harrison Park is located within the Harrison West Reach of the Riverfront Vision, a plan adopted by Council on June 1, 1998; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development to authorize the Director to enter into contract with artist Todd Kime; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Todd Kime (contract compliance #280523513, expiration 2/25/17) for the final design, fabrication, and installation fees to complete a permanent public artwork in Harrison Park for an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated balance in the Miranova TIF Fund - City Riverfront Vision Account, Fund 406, and from any and all sources unallocated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ending in December 31, 2015, the sum of \$60,000.00 is hereby appropriated to the Development Department, Department 44-01, Project 440071-100000, OCA 440071, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336.

SECTION 3. That for the purposes stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$90,000.00 or so much as may be necessary, is hereby authorized from the Miranova TIF - Riverfront Vision Account Fund and the Recreations and Parks Permanent Improvement Fund:

Fund / Project / Project Name / O.L. 01-03 Codes / OCA / Amount

406 / 440071-100000 / Miranova TIF - Riverfront Vision Plan/ 03-3336 / 440071 / \$60,000.00

747/ 510025-100015/ Near North University Planning Area/ 06-6621/ 06-6621/ 510915/ \$30,000.00

SECTION 4. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modification associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 6. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

SECTION 7. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.