



Legislation Text

File #: 2765-2015, **Version:** 1

BACKGROUND: This legislation is to pay artist design fees to Queen E. Brooks to design a proposal for an artistic approach to interpreting the meanings of the Adinkra symbols integrated into public art at Kwanzaa Playground, English Park. In 2015, the Recreation and Parks Department undertook a significant project to restore Kwanza Playground. An important feature of this effort taken in partnership with the Development Department was the restoration, expansion and replacement of original artworks. Two major artworks in the park, fencing by Andrew Scott and African Portal by Brooks, use Adinkra symbols. Adinkra and other African symbolism are integral to Kwanzaa Playground, but there is nothing in the park to explain their meaning. An artful approach is needed because of the uniqueness and intimate size of the park. The Public Art Program seeks to enter into contract with artist Queen E. Brooks to develop a proposal to artfully interpret the Adinkra symbols at Kwanzaa Playground. On July 28, 2015, the Columbus Art Commission (CAC) approved entering into contract with Brooks for this purpose. An interpretive element created in the spirit of the playground has long been desired.

(Queen E. Brooks, Contract Compliance # 3002360003, Expires 9/3/2016)

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation authorizes the transfer and expenditure of \$1,000 within the 2015 Capital Improvement Budget, Fund 735, Northland and Other Acquisition Fund.

To amend the 2015 Capital Improvements Budget; to authorize the transfer of cash and appropriation within the Northland and Other Acquisitions Fund; to authorize the Director of Development to enter into a contract with artist Queen E. Brooks for artist fees related to the creation of a public art design proposal for interpretive signage at Kwanzaa Playground, English Park; and to authorize the expenditure of \$1,000.00 from the Northland and Other Acquisition Fund. (\$1,000.00)

WHEREAS, in 2015 the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department completed a project to restore Kwanzaa Playground. An important feature of this work was the restoration, expansion and replacement of original public artworks; and

WHEREAS, Adinkra and other African symbolism are integral to Kwanzaa Playground, but the park lacks any form of interpretation explaining these symbols; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2015, the Columbus Art Commission (CAC) approved entering into contract with artist Queen Brooks to pay artist fees to create a design proposal for an artistic approach to interpreting the meanings of the Adinkra symbols integrated into public art at the Kwanzaa Playground; and

WHEREAS, an artful feature interpreting the meaning of Adinkra symbols in the park will engage and benefit park users of all ages; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operations of the Department of Development to authorize the Director to enter into contract with Queen Brooks; **NOW THEREFORE,**

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

SECTION 1. That the 2015 Capital Improvements Budget, authorized by ordinance 0557-2015, is hereby amended to provide sufficient budget authority for the appropriate projects authorized within this ordinance as follows:

Fund / Project / Project Name / C.I.B. / Change / C.I.B. as Amended

735 / 440119-100000 / Public Art / \$257,198.79 / (\$1,000) / \$256,198.79

735/440119-100003 / Public Art - Kwanzaa Playground / \$0 / \$1,000 / \$1,000

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor be and is hereby authorized to transfer cash and appropriation within the Northland and Other Acquisitions Fund, No. 735, as follows:

Transfer from:

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

735/440119-100000/ Public Art/06-6621/735190/\$1,000

Transfer to:

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

735/440119-100003/ Public Art - Kwanzaa Playground/06-6621/735193/\$1,000

SECTION 3. That the Director of Development be and hereby is authorized to enter into a contract with artist Queen E. Brooks for artist fees related to the creation of a design proposal for an artful piece/signage interpreting the Adinkra symbols in Kwanzaa Playground at English Park for an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00. (Queen Brooks Contract Compliance # 3002360003, Expires 9/3/2016)

SECTION 4. That for the purpose of paying the cost of this contract the sum of up to \$1,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended from the Northland and Other Acquisitions Fund as follows:

Division: 44-01

Fund: 735

Project/Detail: 440119-100003

Project Name: Public Art - Kwanzaa Playground

OCA: 735193

Object Level One: 06

Object Level Three: 6621

Amount: \$1,000.00

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 7. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 8. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.