

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Donna Barron, City Manager

**FROM:** James Kunke, Community Relations and Tourism Director

**DATE:** January 7, 2019

**SUBJECT:** **Approval of a Professional Services Agreement With James Wyatt Hendricks for the Purchase and Installation of a Public Art Piece at Lonestar Toyota of Lewisville Railroad Park, in the Amount of \$15,000, as Recommended by the Arts Advisory Board; and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Agreement.**

### **BACKGROUND**

City Council approved a Public Art Master Plan in early 2018. The plan recommends locations around Lewisville that would be suitable for public art projects. One of those locations is Lonestar Toyota of Lewisville Railroad Park.

The Arts Advisory Board reviewed 83 proposals from artists nationwide for the Main & Mill Art Bench project approved by City Council in December. Board members interviewed six artists and selected one for that project. However, the board also saw one design concept from San Antonio artist James Wyatt Hendricks that they believed would be ideally suited for placement in Toyota of Lewisville Railroad Park.

The artist offered to create the bench for a flat fee of \$15,000. Funding available in the existing capital project for Public Art.

### **ANALYSIS**

As seen in the attached concept drawings, the public art bench recommended by the Arts Advisory Board reflects a railroad theme. It includes a metal cutout of a steam engine with a granite seating area on one side, and uses a series of metal “train wheels” to create bike rack beside the bench. Only the train outline would be visible when seen from the back. Final design and materials will be approved by the Arts Advisory Board before fabrication begins.

The Arts Advisory Board envisioned placement of the bench along a public walkway in Lonestar Toyota of Lewisville Railroad Park, but final placement would be determined by the Parks & Recreation Department based on current and anticipated pedestrian traffic at the park. Two alternate locations have been identified in case the park site turns out to be less than ideal.

James Wyatt Hendricks is a sculptor and painter who specializes in metal, including blacksmith steel, cast bronze, and traditional welding. He has nearly two dozen public art pieces in

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communities around Texas and Arizona, many of them in San Antonio where he was named “Artist of the Year” in 2017 by the San Antonio Art League.

Total cost for the bench is set at \$15,000. Money is available in the Public Art capital project.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is City staff’s recommendation that the City Council approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement as set forth in the caption above.