

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
READINESS SESSION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012, 1:00 P.M.
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM
250 N. 5TH STREET

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1. **Selection of Exterior Artwork at Fire Administration Building in the Public Safety Complex:** City Council will be presented with information on two artists recommended for exterior artwork at the new Fire Administration Building. Council will be asked to vote on the proposed artwork submitted by the artists.

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2. **Budget – Capital Follow-up**



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Proposed Meeting Date:

September 17, 2012

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT READINESS SESSION

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Topic: Selection of Exterior Artwork at Fire Administration Building in the Public Safety Complex

Staff (Name & Title): Rob Schoeber, Parks and Recreation Director
Ken Watkins, Fire Chief, Fire Department

Summary:

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Background, Analysis and Options:

An art selection committee comprised of Police and Fire employees, as well as representatives from the Arts Commission, convened July 25 and August 22, 2012, to evaluate eight Colorado artists who submitted proposals for artwork at the new public safety complex for the exterior of the Fire Administration Building. Two artists rose to the top. Austin Weishel is a firefighter and bronze artist from Loveland, Co. He has two public commissions and seven years experience. Mark Hopkins is a highly regarded and experienced artist based out of Loveland, Colorado, with over 16 publicly placed works throughout the United States. He specializes in head and hands bronze sculptures.

Interior artwork for other locations at the Public Safety Complex will be considered and presented to City Council at a later date.

Board or Committee Recommendation:

The art selection committee comprised of the Arts Commission, Police employees, and Fire employees were impressed with both artists. Austin Weishel demonstrated a passion for his work that was reflected by the minute details in his clay sculpture, "When I Grow Up." This bronze sculpture is 6 feet tall and sits on a 2-3 foot colored concrete pedestal. The selection committee considered Mark Hopkin's artwork, "The Call to Serve," boldly unique and an inspirational addition to the Public Safety complex. The use of negative space makes this piece a one of a kind sculpture for the public art

collection of the City of Grand Junction. This bronze sculpture is 7.5 feet tall on a 3.5 foot high base.

Financial Impact/Budget:

The 1% for the Arts budget for the Public Safety project is \$218,750. Approval was given on September 5, 2012, to purchase Legacy for \$80,000. The purchase price of "When I Grow Up" is \$65,500. The purchase price of "The Call to Serve" is \$62,100. Both include fabrication, delivery, installation with base, and lighting.

The balance of the 1% budget will be used for additional pieces in and around the complex.

Legal issues:

N/A

Other issues:

N/A

Previously presented or discussed:

N/A

Attachments:

Photos of "When I Grow Up" and "The Call to Serve"

Please vote for one by denoting with a check mark



"When I Grow Up" by Austin Weishel



"The Call to Serve" by Mark Hopkins