

**MEETING DATE:** JANUARY 23, 2023 **AGENDA ITEM :** V.a.  
**PROJECT NAME:** 2023 GIFTS & LOANS REVIEW PANEL  
**ACTION ITEM:** Adopt Resolution Appointing Art Commission Members James Talambas, Maggie Adler, and Dr. Jennifer Brooks and Arts Professionals María Elena Ortiz and Bernardo Vallarino to the Ad Hoc Gifts & Loans Review Panel for the 2023 Calendar Year (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

*[SEE ATTACHED]*



**A Resolution of the Fort Worth Art Commission**

*Appointing members of the Fort Worth Art Commission and local arts professionals to serve on a Fort Worth Public Art Ad Hoc Gifts & Loans Review Panel*

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Worth’s public art program, commonly known as Fort Worth Public Art (“FWPA”), was established by City Ordinance in October 2001;

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Worth Art Commission (“FWAC”) acts as an advisory board to the Fort Worth City Council related to all questions involving public art and the FWPA Program;

**WHEREAS**, Works of art will occasionally be offered as gifts or long-term loans to the City of Fort Worth through the Fort Worth City Council, the FWAC, and other city departments;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the guidelines contained in the *Fort Worth Public Art Master Plan Update*, which Fort Worth City Council adopted in 2017, the Gifts and Loans policy establishes a standard measure for reviewing proposed gifts and loans;

**WHEREAS**, the intent of the Gifts and Loans policy is to ensure that only works of the highest standard of excellence are accepted in the City’s collection;

**WHEREAS**, the Ad Hoc Gifts & Loans Review Panel is composed of three (3) Fort Worth Art Commissioners and two (2) arts professionals from the Fort Worth community to review and make recommendations to the FWAC regarding the FWPA collection including, but not limited to, potential gifts and long-term loans of artworks to the public art collection;

**WHEREAS**, on December 13, 2021, the FWAC adopted a resolution appointing members to the 2022 FWPA Ad Hoc Gifts and Loans Review Panel for a term ending on December 31, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the FWAC now desires to adopt a resolution appointing members to the 2023 FWPA Ad Hoc Gifts and Loans Review Panel.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE FORT WORTH ART COMMISSION OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:**

1. That the FWAC appoints the following members to the 2023 Ad Hoc Gifts and Loans Review Panel for a term beginning on January 1, 2023, and expiring on December 31, 2023 (“2023 Review Panel”):
  - a. James Talambas - Fort Worth Art Commission
  - b. Maggie Adler – Fort Worth Art Commission
  - c. Dr. Jennifer Brooks– Fort Worth Art Commission
  - d. María Elena Ortiz – Community Arts Professional
  - e. Bernardo Vallerino – Community Arts Professional
  
2. That the 2023 Review Panel shall be charged with performing any of the following duties:
  - a. Review gifts and loans and other submitted materials during the year;
  - b. Convene, in person, to evaluate and discuss any gifts or loans of artwork, which may, among other relevant criteria, be based on the following criteria:
    - i. Artistic quality,
    - ii. Site,
    - iii. Context within the City Collection,



- iv. Professional credentials of the artist;
- c. Prepare a written evaluation; and
- d. Make a recommendation at the FWAC at a regular meeting within two (2) months after completion of the review of any proposed gift or loan.

**AND IT IS SO RESOLVED**

Adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

By:

Estrus Tucker, Chair  
Fort Worth Art Commission

**MEETING DATE:** January 23, 2023 **AGENDA ITEM:** VII.a.  
**PROJECT NAME:** Riverside Park  
**ACTION:** Approve Preliminary Design by Ball-Nogues Design Studio for the Riverside Park Public Art Project, to be Located at 501 Oakhurst Scenic Drive, 76111 (Council District 9)

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**Riverside Park Public Art Project**

- On Dec. 14, 2020, the FWAC approved the Project Outline for the Riverside Park public art project
- On May 16, 2022, the FWAC approved the Selection Panel’s recommendation of Ball-Nogues Design Studio
- On July 12, 2022, Ball-Nogues Design Studio was placed under a Preliminary and Final Design Agreement (City Secretary Contract No. 57857)

**Preliminary Design**

Riverside Park is a heritage site that honors the history of agriculture that once thrived in the Fort Worth region. The grove of pecan trees spread throughout the site is believed to be a remnant from an early farm dating to the time of the City’s founding. The trees now provide a restful, calming space along the Trinity River. This project honors this heritage with a grand-scaled artwork visible throughout the entire park and to drivers on Oakhurst Scenic Drive. The artwork acknowledges the trees by making an abstract representation of their root systems, buried within the soil, visible to park visitors. Depicted on the surface of the path that traverses the park, the artwork is a kind of imaginary x-ray through the ground, showing the intricate pattern of roots beneath it. The artists’ aim is to call upon the cultural and natural histories of the Trinity River site, however, the artwork will also delight the eyes with color and patterns that can be appreciated by all people regardless of their historical knowledge.



**Next Steps:**

Upon Art Commission approval of the Preliminary Design, the artist will proceed with Final Design per the current contract. Upon approval of Final Design, and authorization by City Council, the artist will be contracted to fabricate and install the artwork.