

MEETING DATE: MARCH 18, 2024 **AGENDA ITEM:** V.a.
PROJECT NAME: NORTHWEST COMMUNITY CENTER
ACTION: Approve Final Design by Matthew Mazzotta for the Northwest Community Center, 8575 Blue Mound Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76137 (Council District 7)

PROJECT SUMMARY

- On November 18, 2021, the artist was placed under a Preliminary Design Agreement (City Secretary Contract No. 56709)
- On February 21, 2022 the FWAC approved Mathew Mazzotta's Preliminary Design, *Open Plains*, and recommended placing the artist under a combined Final Design and Commission Agreement
- On May 24, 2022, City Council approved M&C 22-0365 authorizing entering into a Final Design and Commission Agreement
- On August 1, 2022, the artist was placed under a combined Final Design and Commission Contract Agreement (City Secretary Contract No. 57940)

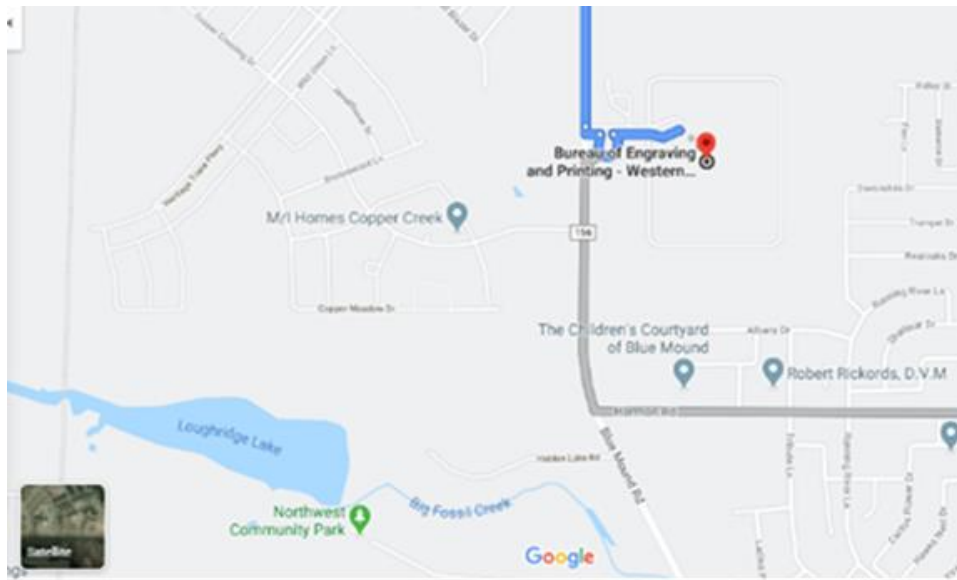
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the Final Design Deliverable and recommends approval of the Final Design.

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval of the Final Design Matthew Mazzotta will fabricate and install the artwork in coordination with the City's construction schedule for the Northwest Community Center. Installation is anticipated in Fall 2024.

SITE MAP



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FINAL DESIGN PREVIEW



Matthew Mazzotta's Final Design for artwork for Northwest Community Center, titled *Open Plains*, is based on his approved Preliminary Design, and seeks to bring the outdoors in by transposing a natural scene within the community center lobby. As patrons enter the building, they see a grassy berm in the middle of the lobby space. Proceeding further into the building, they will look up and see a small group of sculptural birds gently gliding in a circle, moving their wings as they float in the airspace over the berm.

The large berm element will have indentations for seating and is centered in the space underneath the birds, replacing some seats in the reception area. Built over a cushioned, sound dampening dense foam substructure, it will be upholstered in *Forever Lawn* artificial turf that seeks to approximate the color and texture of the local landscape. The berm will provide multiple, inviting organic seating arrangements and be durable enough to withstand being climbed on.

The "birds" will circle slowly overhead, powered by an overhead mounted motor while their wings will flap gently, stirred by a small fan mounted on a vertical beam. The whimsical, playful artwork is designed to give the viewer the experience of connecting with the open landscape that surrounds the community center and is a prominent feature of the Northwest Community Park in which it is located.

For more information about this artist visit: <https://matthewmazzotta.com>