

City of Bethel Action Memorandum

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Authorize the instillation of art in the YK Fitness Center as agreed to in the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Bethel and Bethel Community Services Foundation and Rasmuson Foundation for the Tier 2 Grant: Art Project.

Attachment(s): Memorandum of Agreement 2016

Route to:	Department/Individual:	Initials:	Remarks:
	Pete Williams, City Manager		

Amount of fiscal impact:
None The art is being purchased through a grant held with Bethel Community Services Foundation.

The Rasmuson Foundation issued a grant to the City of Bethel to purchase furniture, fixtures and art for the YK Fitness Center. After the purchase of the furniture and fixtures the City entered into an MOA with Bethel Community Services Foundation (BCFS) transferring the remaining balance of the grant and the grant reporting obligations to BCSF.

With the funding from the Rasmuson grant, BCFS coordinated a Community Art Selection Committee, its membership made up of employees of the City, volunteers on the City's Parks, Recreation, Community Health and Safety Center Committee, employees of the YK Fitness Center, and volunteers not associated with either the City or the YK Fitness Center. Additionally, to ensure a fair and professional selection process was administered, BCSF hired a consultant who acted as a project manager throughout the request for proposal process.

At the initial meeting of the selection committee, a number of art instillation locations were selected which focused on ensuring art would be observed from every communal area of the facility while considering the ease of cleaning and maintenance of the art. From that meeting three locations were identified:

1. Wall hung art at end of hall stretching to the opposite end of the hallway near the eating/sitting space;
2. Glass Panels above doors to pool;
3. Exterior artwork in the breezeway above the entry doors;
4. Community Residency- Potential location is in the entry way and/or around the concessions.

Following months of preparation to include onsite observation by some of the artists, renderings were submitted for the committees review and final selection. The art collections range from glasswork on windows, murals on walls and lit metal art for the exterior. Additionally, a

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community residency project was incorporated that would consist of artists working with the community to create an instillation piece. The location of this piece has yet to be finalized but the hope is that the artist would focus on the entryway and/or concessions area for the location.

Bethel Community Services Foundation and the arts consultant have an arrangement with Architects Alaska, the designers of the facility, for artists to consult them again immediately prior to installation. While this is an option, the pieces chosen will not require any unusual modifications to the facility. The instillation of each of the pieces will be coordinated with the YK Fitness Center Director.

The action before the Council is to authorize the installation of the art in the YK Fitness Center for the community's enjoyment. This action has no financial burden on the City other than the maintenance/occasional cleaning of the art and a LED light used to illuminate the exterior art piece; both have been determined to be limited in their affects.