

STAFF REPORT

Date: February 13, 2012
To: Honorable Members of the Visual Arts Committee
From: Mary Chou
Re: Consent Calendar Motion – Public Safety Building: Fire Station Artwork

During the January 18, 2012 Visual Arts Committee meeting, Commissioners approved the concept of the cisterns for the new Public Safety Building fire station artwork by Merge Conceptual Design. Commissioners will recall that the concept was originally presented to the Project Team in September 2011 when the architects expressed concern that the artwork on the façade compromised the design of the building and SFFD staff stated that the concept of the cisterns was not one their department supported. The artist then spent the next four months developing an alternate proposal based on the concept of fire alarm boxes. As the decision now is to return to the cistern concept, the Arts Commission would like to provide Merge with additional funds to complete the conceptual design for the cistern proposal.

As result, the Arts Commission has included the following motion on the consent calendar:

Motion to authorize the Director of Cultural Affairs to approve an increase Merge Conceptual Designs' contract by \$17,000 from \$30,000 to \$47,000 for additional development of conceptual design proposal for an artwork at the Fire Station at the new Public Safety Building.