

Staff Report

Date: June 18, 2012
To: Honorable Members of the Visual Arts Committee
From: Mary Chou
Re: Community Plaza Artwork for Public Safety Building

Since the Visual Arts Committee approved the design of the plaza at 50% design development, Paul Kos and Arts Commission staff have been working with the building architects and landscape architect on completion of the design development and construction document phase for the community plaza. As a result of this process, there have been some changes to the layout of the plaza.

It was determined that the landscaped area at the east end of the plaza needed a larger space to accommodate the roots of the Siberian spruce tree along with the substantial footing required for the bollards. As a result, the landscaped area has been expanded and the south entrance has been moved further west in order to accommodate this expansion. Two light poles have also been added to the plaza, in the planted areas along the historic fire station, to provide for adequate lighting in the plaza at night.

In addition, cost estimates provided by the General Contractor for the installation of various elements of the plaza have come back more than initially estimated. In particular, the paving with the concentric and star-shaped layout of granite pavers was more than anticipated as each paver needs to be hand-cut by the artist's fabricator and then installed by the General Contractor who will require a certain overage of pavers to accommodate for actual measurements in the field. As a result, the artist is considering alternate options for paving which include either (1) square granite pavers set orthogonally into the paving, or (2) a poured resin pavement material called NaturalPave, which visually resembles decomposed granite, but has been approved by the City for accessibility. Pending the Department of Public Works' review of the NaturalPave material for longevity and maintenance requirements, the artist may consider this option as an alternate. As a result, the base bid will include either of the alternate options (orthogonal paving or NaturalPave), and the add alternate will include the concentric pavers with the red granite highlights.

Arts Commission staff is requesting approval of the revised design and bid approach for this project.

Motion: Motion to approve the revised design by Paul Kos for an artwork for the Community Plaza at the new Public Safety Building