Public Safety Art Installation

ADDISON

June 13, 2023

Background



- October 2020 Staff facilitated a discussion with Council regarding ways to honor fallen Officer Ronnie Cox. Council directed staff to develop a short-term solution that could be implemented in the near future to recognize fallen Officer Cox and his sacrifice. Council also directed staff to develop a long-term solution for a larger installation to honor public safety in Addison.
- **February 2021** Staff made a presentation to Council proposing the following:

<u>Short-term Recognition</u> – Install a small plaza which would include a monument and a plaque near the Police Station that would honor Officer Ronnie Cox for his service to the Town.

<u>Long-term Recognition Solution</u> – Solicit a National Call for Art for a Public Safety Art Installation.

Council directed staff to proceed with both plans. In regards to the long-term additional direction was provided by Council:

<u>Budget</u> - Approximate budget for Artwork \$100,000 - \$150,000 other expenses such as sitework and design would be identified as project develops. This could potentially have a fundraising component. **Location** - Adjacent to Transit Oriented Development (TOD) is preferred.

<u>Timeframe</u> – Do not wait for TOD development to be complete. Art may be fabricated prior to TOD development and installed in a temporary location.

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October 2021 – The Memorial for Fallen Officer Ronnie Cox has been completed and dedicated.



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May 2022 – Present

Implementation of long-term recognition solution began work includes:

- Formation of a steering committee.
- Developing and releasing a call for art and 15+ proposals were recieved
- Steering committee identified a potential location with the TOD
- Three artist / artist teams were selected to further develop concepts and make presentations.
- The steering committee identified Fritz Olsen, a Michigan artist, to recommend his concept installation.
- Staff presented proposed artwork to the TOD Developer and received positive feedback.

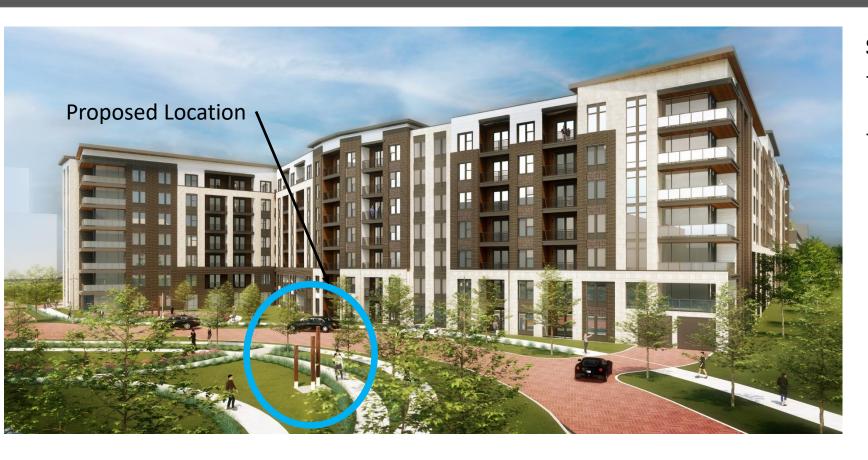
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Site Attributes

- New park located within TOD Development.
- Location has potential to be more than an installation. Park could be developed around a theme of Public Safety. This theme would be carried out in the name and site design of the site. Examples of potential names Heroes Park, Unity Park, **Guardians Green or First** Responders Commons, etc. The site could become the location of future ceremonies held by Police and Fire.
- Visible from Arapaho, Spectrum and the Cotton Belt Trail and DART Silver Line.

Proposed Temporary Art Installation Location





Temporary Site

- The sculpture would be complete prior to completion of the park.
- It would be installed at a temporary location until its permanent home is complete.
- Staff is proposing it be located in the Courtyard of the Conference and Theatre Center until it is relocated.

Examples of Artist's Work









Left to Right: Galileo, Carbonic Family and Prosperity by Fritz Olsen

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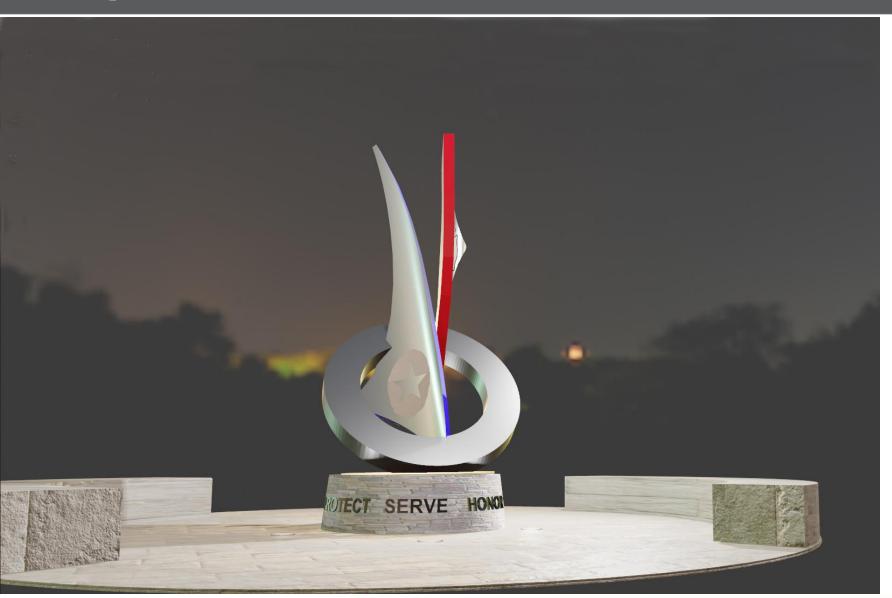




- The design embodies the connection Addison has as a community with those that serve and protect.
- The central forms depicting Police in Blue and Fire in Red are grounding in the center of circle, the community ring. They are connected structurally and metaphorically to one another.
- The circle / community is tilted as to imply motion, change and progress. The upright forms carry strength and confidence standing shoulder to shoulder collaborating and protecting the community.
- The circle / community surrounds, embraces and supports the shining stars. Depending on the view the shapes appear to represent a torch, a blade or a star.

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Council Direction



- Does Council support moving forward with Public Art Installation proposed by Fritz Olsen?
- Does Council support project budget of \$150,000 for fabrication, delivery and installation of the artwork?
- If so, is there feedback regarding the proposed schedule listed below?

Proposed Schedule

| August 2023 | City Manager's proposed budget includes funds for the artwork and site development. |
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| October 2023 | Contract for Artwork brought to Council for consideration of approval. |
| October 2023 | Staff selects a landscape architect to develop plans for the sitework. |
| November 2023 | Staff provides artist with a contract for fabrication, delivery and installation of the artwork. |
| November 2023 | Fabrication of the Artwork begins. |
| September 2024 | Fabrication of Concrete for temporary Location begins. |
| November 2024 | Installation of the Artwork at temporary location. |
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Questions?