
CITY OF TEMPE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Council Meeting Date: 06/09/2016**
Agenda Item: 5B17

ACTION: Award a contract to Benjamin Victor for a permanent, public art project, for a Tempe Public Safety Memorial located within Tempe Beach Park. (Related to agenda item 5C3)

FISCAL IMPACT: Total cost of the contract is \$350,000 and will be paid from matching funds of \$175,000 from private donations and City funds of \$175,000. Sufficient funds have been appropriated in Police Protection Capital Improvement Project Fund cost center 5507709 - Public Safety Memorial for the anticipated expenditures.

RECOMMENDATION: Award the contract.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Tempe Public Safety Memorial will be located at the entrance to Tempe Beach Park. The memorial will honor the police officers, firefighters and police canines who have given their lives in the line of duty. The project includes bronze sculptures, landscaping, lighting, flagpole, and commemorative and donor recognition pedestals. The memorial is a meaningful expression of gratitude and honor for those who have given their lives in the line of duty and as such, the City of Tempe wanted to ensure that those with the highest possible investment were involved in selecting the artist to create the memorial. The Public Safety Memorial Committee included representatives of Tempe Fire Medical Rescue Department, Tempe Police Department, family members of our fallen officers, family members of our fallen firefighter, community members, arts professional and associated city staff. Through a national search and competitive process, the committee selected artist Benjamin Victor to create the Tempe Public Safety Memorial. Victor's work includes several police, firefighter and war memorials and is shown at the National Sculpture Society in New York City at the National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol and around the world. On April 13, 2016, the artist presented his design proposal and asked for feedback at the Community Meeting and at the meeting for public safety employees. Additionally, the design proposal was presented to the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission and the Parks, Recreation, Golf, and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board for review and feedback. The artist is required to provide construction oversight for the fabrication, delivery and installation of the project's designs and the contract is inclusive of all labor, materials, insurance, permits and any other items necessary to complete the project.

ATTACHMENTS: Commissioned Artist Agreement and Tempe Public Safety Memorial Design Proposal

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