



From: Jonathan Watson
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2025 2:57 PM
To: Ashcraft, Chelsea
Subject: RE: Follow up to the Los Alamos Call For Art for the Senior Center Security Gate

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Howdy Chelsea,

That is amazing news! I am glad we were able to design something that resonates with the local community. That is very kind of that board member to offer on our behalf and would be very helpful.

Regarding moving forward, my thought is for us to go ahead and try to get permission for the sun symbol since it does have more meaning behind it than a regular sun. With that being said, I will go ahead and mock up an alternative sun design to send to you this week just in case it proves to be more troublesome than it is worth.

We are also flexible when it come to timing but I am sure the board would like to see this installed sooner rather than later. I will reach out to Zia Pueblo this week as well to see if I can get a better feel for how long it might take to get approval. If it looks

like this will set us back substantially I will let you know and we can discuss changing to a different sun design.

Thank you for the opportunity and we look forward to working with you as well!

Jonathan Watson

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On 4/28/2025 3:35:58 PM, Ashcraft, Chelsea wrote:

Dear Jonathan,

I hope you're doing well. I'm reaching out with some exciting news! Your proposal for the Senior Center Security Gate has been selected as the preferred design by the Art in Public Places Board and was also the clear favorite in the community opinion survey. Congratulations!

Before we can move forward with officially approving your proposal, the Board asked that I follow up with you regarding your intended use of the Zia symbol. As you mentioned previously, you're open to seeking permission from the Zia Pueblo for its use in your design. Based on our research, this process typically involves both formal written approval from the Pueblo and a donation to their scholarship fund. One of our Board members has kindly offered to cover the donation on your behalf, should that be helpful.

It's also worth noting that obtaining the official permission letter may take some time. In order to proceed with the official selection of your proposal, we will need to have that letter in hand, confirming that the Zia Pueblo has granted permission to use the symbol on the "Los Alamos Heritage Gate."

With that in mind, the Board wanted to ask whether, as a backup plan, you would consider adapting the design to incorporate a sun symbol of your own creation, in case the necessary permissions are delayed or ultimately not granted.

To move forward, we'll need to proceed with either of the following

options:

1. You obtain and provide the official permission letter from the Zia Pueblo.
2. You revise the design to use an original sun symbol instead.

Please let us know how you'd like to proceed. We're excited to take the next steps and are looking forward to the possibility of working with you in the near future.

Take care,

Chelsea Ashcraft

Sr. Management Analyst

Los Alamos County

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From: Jonathan Watson

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 11:28 AM

To: Ashcraft, Chelsea

Subject: RE: Follow up to the Los Alamos Call For Art for the Senior Center Security Gate

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Howdy Chelsea,

Please see the attached instructions for the installation of the proposed gate. I know the board is a little uneasy about the installation but I truly believe it would be very simple and even a local handy man could install it. We would be sure all the heavy lifting is done before it leaves our shop.

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On 3/21/2025 6:38:51 AM, Jonathan Watson
wrote:

Morning Chelsea,

Sure that isn't a problem at all. I will get you something typed up and sent your way ASAP.

Jonathan Watson

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On 3/20/2025 5:36:12 PM, Ashcraft, Chelsea
wrote:

Hi Jonathan,

Would it be possible to send us some installation information for your gate before the APP Board makes their final decision? I don't think it needs to be the detailed guide you mentioned you will provide if selected, but something that I could share with our facilities department or a contractor to get a good estimate on installation costs. I'm trying to save time by getting this in advance of the APP meeting since the Board only meets once a month. I'm thinking if I can give them an installation cost estimate to accompany your proposal, they could make the decision at the April meeting. Otherwise, they would have to wait until May to make the final choice.

I appreciate your help with this.

Thank you,

Chelsea Ashcraft

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From: Jonathan Watson

Sent: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 6:51 AM

To: Ashcraft, Chelsea

Subject: Re: Follow up to the Los Alamos Call For Art for the Senior Center Security Gate

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Morning Chelsea,

That is great news! In regards to my team doing the install, I don't think it would be feasible unfortunately since we are located in Central Texas and not really staffed to send a crew out of state. If our proposal is selected, we would provide a very detailed installation guide as well as any remote support needed (facetime, calls, etc.).

Additionally, if our proposal is selected we would make sure we get permission for the Zia symbol. We were waiting on an approved design before seeking the approvals just in case something changed with the design.

I look forward to hearing back from you after the community survey!

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On 3/3/2025 2:29:16 PM, Ashcraft, Chelsea wrote:

Dear Jonathan Watson,

We are pleased to inform you that, out of the six proposals received in response to the call for art for the Senior Center Security Gate, the members of the Art in Public Places (APP) Board have selected three proposals to move forward in the process. Congratulations—your proposal is one of the three chosen!

In the coming weeks, a community feedback survey will be released showcasing the three selected proposals. This survey feedback will be compiled and reviewed at a future APP Board meeting, where the Board members will discuss and determine the final proposal to recommend to the County Council for approval.

To help us proceed, we would appreciate some clarification on your installation plan for the gate. We understand that the \$15,504.15 price you proposed does not include the cost of installation. Is installation by you and your team an option? If so, how much would that cost?

Additionally, we understand there is a process for obtaining permission from the Zia Pueblo for the use of their Zia symbol. If your proposal is selected, are you prepared to seek and obtain this permission? For more details on this process, please refer to the following link: <https://www.ziapueblo.org/>

Thank you for the time and effort you put into this proposal.
Congratulations again on being chosen as one of the semi-finalists.

We look forward to your response!

Best regards,

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