



County of Los Alamos

BCC Meeting Minutes

Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Kenyon (Father Theophan) Mackey, Chair; Jennifer Baker, Vice-Chair; Abigayle Cutting-Smith; and Alissa Grissom, Member's

Thursday, October 28, 2021

5:30 PM

Meeting will be conducted remotely.

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You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Oct 28, 2021 05:30 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Topic: APP Board Meeting

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1. CALL TO ORDER

5:31 PM

Present 3 - Board Member Mackey, Board Member Cutting-Smith and Board Member Grissom

Absent 1 - Board Member Baker

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. BUSINESS

- A. [15029-21](#) Approval of Minutes from the September 23, 2021 Meeting

Presenters: Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

Attachments: [A - September 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes](#)

September 23, 2021 Minutes Approved 3-0.

accepted

B. [15030-21](#) Leisure Lagoon Potential Art

Presenters: Theophan Mackey

Member Mackey updated the Board on the Leisure Lagoon art. Comments from the survey were presented and discussed. Katherine Hudspeth discussed information from the survey comments as well. Discussion was had. Motion was made and approved 3-0.
accepted

C. [15031-21](#) "Fuller Lodge" by Fran Stoval

Presenters: Katherine Hudspeth

Katherine Hudspeth updated the Board on "Fuller Lodge" by Fran Stoval. New placement is needed for this painting. Discussion was had. Member Grissom will take the lead on this project. A motion was made and approved 3-0.
accepted

D. [15032-21](#) Los Alamos County Airport Art

Presenters: Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

Member Mackey updated the Board on the Los Alamos County Airport Art. It was tabled until the November meeting.
tabled

E. [15033-21](#) Pending Items List

Presenters: Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

Member Mackey updated the Board on the Don Taylor Dedication. There is no email out yet.
Katherine Hudspeth updated the Board on "Perspective". It has been installed and completed, but is not on yet. The pump is being replaced.
Katherine Hudspeth updated the Board on the installation of "Pinon Maze". It should be completed in the next couple of days.

4. **BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATION**

A. [15034-21](#) Chairman's Report

Presenters: Theophan Mackey

Member Mackey gave the Board his updates. Next month will be his last meeting, and in the next meeting the Board will need to vote in a new Chair.

B. [15035-21](#) Staff Liaison Report

Presenters: Katherine Hudspeth

Katherine Hudspeth gave her updates. New member interviews are coming up for 2 positions. The remainder of the meetings will be via Zoom because of Council direction and scheduling conflicts.

C. [15036-21](#) Art Inventory and Maintenance

Presenters: Katherine Hudspeth

Member Mackey updated the Board on his Art Inventory and Maintenance. Katherine Hudspeth updated the Board on the Art Inventory and Maintenance as well.

D. [15038-21](#) Sunflower

Presenters: Katherine Hudspeth

Katherine Hudspeth updated the Board on the Sunflower. An RFP will be put out.

E. [15039-21](#) Art Collection Maintenance

Presenters: Katherine Hudspeth

Katherine Hudspeth updated the Board on the Art Collection Maintenance. Since the previous RFPs got no response, a RFI (request for information) was sent out instead. It will run for 3 weeks, until November 2nd.

5. **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Izrealevitz gave an update on County Council. Board & Commission interview questions are being updated. Discussion was had on budget report for APP.

6. **PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING - November 18, 2021**
November and December 2021 meetings will be held via Zoom, not the hybrid format.

Leisure Lagoon will still be on the Agenda, but not as a Business Item.
Placement selection for the Stoval piece.
Airport Art.
APP Budget will be added to the Staff Report.

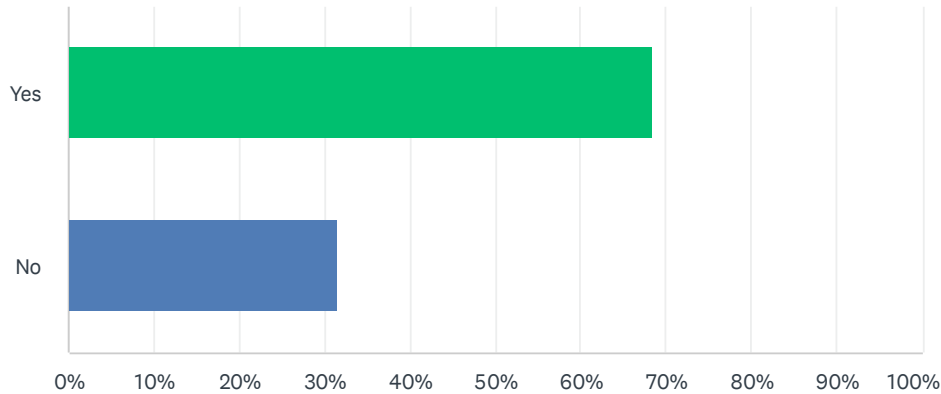
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 6:14 PM.
Approved 3-0.

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Q1 Each 7.5 x 5.5 panel would be made up of multiple individual smaller ceramic tiles. Do you like that concept?

Answered: 291 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	68.38%	199
No	31.62%	92
TOTAL		291

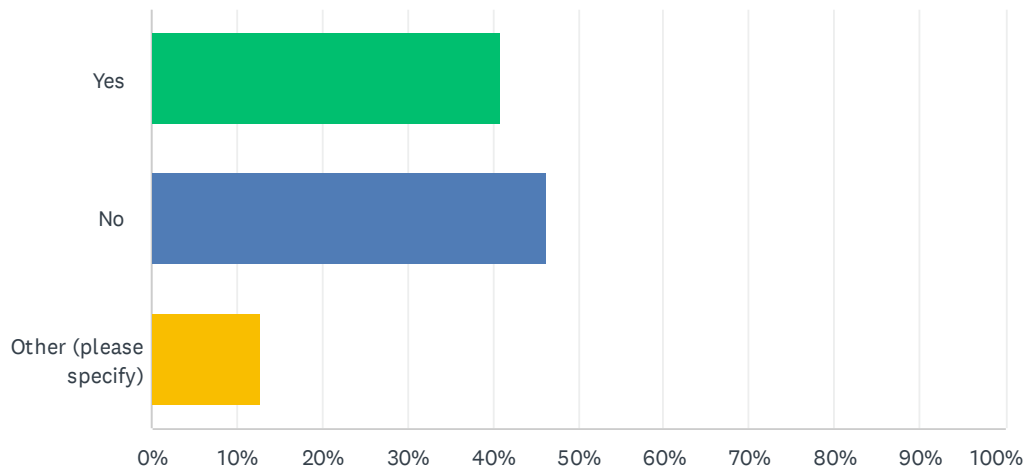
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Compared to what?	10/25/2021 3:12 PM
2	I don't like the look or flow in the pool space	10/24/2021 2:37 PM
3	Not sure	10/20/2021 9:27 PM
4	Ceramic tiles are fragile art displays and should be used with caution in high traffic areas, especially around children.	10/18/2021 3:57 PM
5	These panels are insipid	10/18/2021 10:51 AM
6	Sounds expensive and not attractive.... Why can't you support New Mexico artists ? There are plenty that do exceptional work. As a tax payer, I do not appreciate my county taxes going to support something that looks like this.	10/17/2021 5:18 PM
7	Interesting concept	10/17/2021 12:15 AM
8	If the Leisure Lagoon is intended for families where children may be present, I think something more eye-catching would be appropriate.	10/16/2021 2:17 AM
9	Too expensive.	10/15/2021 6:15 PM
10	The back wall has to be painted for it to be cohesive with the panels	10/15/2021 9:20 AM
11	Is this a safe location for this art work? Her previous artwork was displayed on a recessed, exterior wall. This artwork was not incorporated into the construction of the building. Are there safety considerations to placing this around playing children?	10/15/2021 8:19 AM
12	neither like nor dislike	10/15/2021 7:54 AM
13	This sounds lovely	10/14/2021 5:35 PM
14	As long as the art is durable. If an object hits it or knocks into it will it chip and break or even eventually fall off?	10/14/2021 2:03 PM

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15	\$100,000!!! And they look too small for such a large space	10/14/2021 11:06 AM
16	Would rather we used the funds other ways. Having kids who swim at the pool help to decorate would encourage young artists.	10/14/2021 6:41 AM
17	School art only save money	10/13/2021 7:05 AM
18	The panels are ugly and a waste of money.	10/12/2021 3:14 PM
19	The ceramic is basically a glass and if fallen on the pool deck it could be vary hazard to all patrons. The items could be easily bump on the wall from a patron by mistake of a water toy, water polo ball or water basketball. Basic rule at swimming pool no glass.	10/12/2021 12:52 PM
20	Ceramic will be reflective of sound in a small space. Also pricey. People aren't there to admire the art. I recommend simple.	10/12/2021 12:47 PM
21	seems expensive	10/12/2021 11:55 AM
22	The mosaic concept in a public, indoor pool setting is asking to be vandalized or fail due to high constant humidity. The pieces lack imagination especially at \$20,000.00 each.	10/12/2021 10:33 AM
23	Is the panel suggested here in feet or inches. It is indicated. I am going to assume it is in feet.	10/11/2021 12:26 PM
24	I don't understand the whole concept as art. To me, it is more like an adolescent craft class.	10/11/2021 11:07 AM
25	It would be great if it's inspired by the local schools	10/10/2021 9:46 PM
26	More kid orientated. Turtles, dolphins. Could still be made out of smaller tiles.	10/10/2021 2:42 PM
27	Tile grout in swimming pool area would likely mildew over time and become unsightly.	10/10/2021 11:35 AM
28	This is not very representative of our region.	10/9/2021 6:39 PM
29	I believe the public art should be more accessible to the general public. The funds should be used to reach a larger audience. The cost for tiles is very expensive with potential minimal impact	10/9/2021 1:47 PM
30	These are ugly	10/9/2021 11:59 AM
31	With the ceiling so low and hard walls, You need some acoustic tile wall, ceiling to absorb the sound or it will be an unpleasant echo chamber	10/9/2021 8:25 AM
32	Something more fun and kid friendly	10/9/2021 7:59 AM
33	Maybe too much.	10/9/2021 2:17 AM
34	This lacks the excitement and art that would appeal to children.	10/8/2021 5:07 PM

Q2 The price for each panel is proposed to be \$20,000. The Art in Public Places Board is considering 5 panels. For a total cost of \$100,000. Are you supportive of the cost?

Answered: 298 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	40.94% 122
No	46.31% 138
Other (please specify)	12.75% 38
TOTAL	298

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	What's your yearly budget?	10/25/2021 3:12 PM
2	This is a lot of money to spend in a heavy use area. Just because you have the money doesn't mean you have to spend it.	10/20/2021 9:27 PM
3	Not for an isolated location as proposed. Poor investment	10/18/2021 10:51 AM
4	Perhaps worthwhile for a different location.	10/17/2021 12:15 AM
5	This seems high, but I'm okay with it as long as it stays within the established budget.	10/16/2021 8:28 AM
6	Maybe three panels with the darker blue and waves	10/15/2021 9:20 AM
7	not enough info for opinion	10/15/2021 7:54 AM
8	Have you approached any other local options for production? For example, right here in town UNM has college ceramics courses. Could the students be involved along with their experienced professor? They could likely do this for \$50k maybe even less.	10/14/2021 7:52 PM
9	People complaining about the cost are culture-less swine	10/14/2021 5:35 PM
10	I guess, but seems like a lot of money for tiles that doesn't really wow me. This specific example is not very sweet inspiring and frankly kinda boring and not memorable at all. For \$100,000 you want to have something you remember and was to go back and see again and tell your friends about. "Hey, go check out the art at the pool!" This you might not even know it's art...	10/14/2021 2:03 PM

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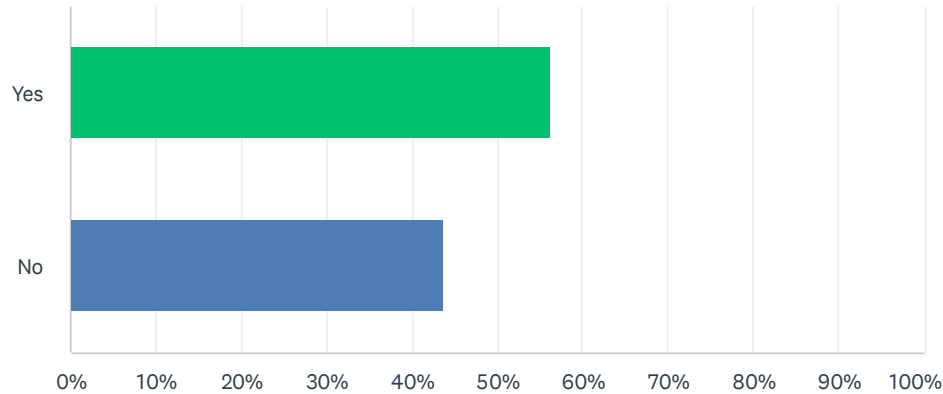
11	That is crazy expensive!	10/14/2021 11:06 AM
12	That seems a little steep. Being some one who grew up around Pewabic and Motawi tiles... this is more expensive. I fully support artists and want to validate and appreciate their work- but this seems a little pricey for the result.	10/14/2021 6:15 AM
13	I have no experience with pricing art of this kind. Initially, the cost seems high, but I don't know what "the going rate" is, not so I know what the County has spent on other art. I certainly want to compensate the artist for her work, and I assume the cost also includes installation.	10/13/2021 4:12 PM
14	Save money support LAPS	10/13/2021 7:05 AM
15	That seems very high per panel?	10/12/2021 9:24 PM
16	Talk 'em down 20%	10/12/2021 8:52 PM
17	Whats the budget?	10/12/2021 5:57 PM
18	These panels are very pretty but \$100,000 for a piece of art is too expensive! Especially if they don't last very long in a chlorinated, humid environment. Instead maybe add real windows where the panels are and we can see nature scenes for a restful, experience. Again, my objection is not the pretty panels themselves, but it is just the exorbitant cost at 20,000 bucks a pop...	10/12/2021 3:06 PM
19	We don't need to spend that much on one piece of art. They are pretty, but expensive, especially considering they could be broken by a child playing or someone slipping and falling against them.	10/12/2021 10:42 AM
20	Pretty exorbitant cost for something so plain.	10/12/2021 10:17 AM
21	NO. Paying \$100,000 for a set of 5, multi-piece, ceramic tiles which basically amount to colored blocks with wavy lines on them is an outrageous abuse of funds. Please re-consider available options and select something that better reflects New Mexico and more specifically, Los Alamos. Paying \$100,000 for river, lake, waterfall, or other New Mexico water scenes would be far more impressive and desirable than wasting such an exorbitant amount on simple tiles you could acquire at a local flooring shop...	10/12/2021 10:09 AM
22	Is there room to negotiate? It seems high.	10/11/2021 10:56 AM
23	Without a breakdown of the cost, it is difficult to understand why it's so expensive. Also, where will the funding come from to support the purchase?	10/10/2021 6:27 AM
24	~\$15,000 is more reasonable	10/10/2021 12:16 AM
25	It seems like a lot for for art in that location. I'm not sure I agree with spending that much.	10/9/2021 4:56 PM
26	Is that what the artist charges for comparable pieces?	10/9/2021 2:02 PM
27	I'm supportive of the budget generally, but not a fan of this piece.	10/9/2021 11:34 AM
28	Were there other options to choose from? If you have to spend \$100k, then I guess this is OK, but were there other proposals to choose from	10/9/2021 11:10 AM
29	The amount of funds set aside for art is WAY TOO HIGH. There are other projects around town that needs the finances. Find an art high schooler! this would bolster their portfolio!	10/9/2021 10:11 AM
30	It is difficult for me to evaluate the value of art. I am used to thinking of a breakdown of materials and time plus giving the artist a fair wage. It seems that art is not valued this way.	10/9/2021 7:03 AM
31	That's a LOT of money. How about spend half the money and space the art out for a less cluttered mind and view.	10/9/2021 2:17 AM
32	Unsure of the funding source and what other funding the funds could be allocated to if we don't do all 5 panels	10/8/2021 9:36 PM
33	The price/panel seems high, but it is very hard to judge. Would it be possible to have a breakdown of the materials cost and the artist's time spent? The concept itself is very nice.	10/8/2021 7:49 PM
34	Why are we allotting this much money to art? Are there no practical things we could be doing with 100,000 dollars?! Improving areas, actually putting entertainment for the teens of this county?	10/8/2021 7:16 PM

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35	Well, it's a lot. But it looks like it will be a durable piece of art. But it's still a lot.	10/8/2021 6:20 PM
36	They are bland. That's a lot of money for art that will look so bland on the pool walls.	10/8/2021 4:17 PM
37	Is that reasonable?	10/8/2021 3:56 PM
38	If it's in the budget, sure!	10/8/2021 2:49 PM

Q3 Do you feel like this art work would be a good fit for the Leisure Lagoon? If not, what idea's do you have?

Answered: 286 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	56.29%	161
No	43.71%	125
TOTAL		286

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	None	10/25/2021 3:12 PM
2	The art work should have a more playful feeling for children	10/24/2021 2:37 PM
3	Too expensive	10/22/2021 8:57 AM
4	Something that's not going to get broken in an area where people don't wear shoes.	10/22/2021 5:45 AM
5	I think that tiled artwork is commonly seen around pools, fountains, water features so seems like a natural fit. I do like the idea of the tranquility behind the pieces, but because the lagoon is likely to be highly used by families/children it would be nice if one or two of the pieces featured something more interesting to children (sea creatures?).	10/21/2021 12:28 PM
6	Maybe a more local artist or even children from local elementary schools	10/21/2021 6:18 AM
7	Not sure. Does not seem like abstract art is a good fit for children. (Also, ideas is spelled wrong in your question.)	10/20/2021 9:27 PM
8	Something local, and southwest	10/18/2021 9:27 PM
9	More affordable - have a contest and allow some kids to enter	10/18/2021 5:29 PM
10	I could make those panels for you for a few hundred dollars. I like the idea of mosaic art of some kind that goes with a swimming pool environment, but those ones are totally lack-luster to me and in no way warrant a \$100,000 price tag.	10/18/2021 5:10 PM
11	We are a community in the desert. Natural hot springs and electrical storms are the norm. Let Malibu buy these pieces with their tax dollars	10/18/2021 10:51 AM
12	Especially good to be durable in the environment	10/17/2021 6:35 PM
13	This artwork seems out of place at this location. Perhaps the work of Glenn Schwaiger would be a better fit. He recently loaned some artwork to Jardin de los Ninos that is more in line with	10/17/2021 12:15 AM

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the whimsical feel I get from the art on display at the Aquatic Center.

14	More color	10/16/2021 7:41 PM
15	I feel that a local artist or someone who n is from the surrounding northern nm community might better represent our community and make at work that has a local connection.	10/16/2021 5:16 PM
16	Have local artists paint... That cost is excessive.	10/16/2021 4:23 PM
17	I think that is too costly and the county should consider other artwork by local artists in a smaller price range.	10/16/2021 2:17 AM
18	If the first two panels were picked, they're relaxing. The last three with dots just aren't as relaxing. Plus the wall doesn't match the panels. Three panels and the rest of the money to re-paint the wall	10/15/2021 9:20 AM
19	Not interior. I hope the Board will consider an exterior placement.	10/15/2021 8:19 AM
20	I think this is a reasonable and very nice piece.	10/14/2021 5:35 PM
21	Something to reflect Los Alamos, not random art with an aquatic theme.	10/14/2021 3:49 PM
22	I would prefer more pictorial, though not photorealistic. Images of underwater and aquatic life. Turtles, fish, marine mammals, otters, beavers, seaweed forest, etc.	10/14/2021 3:32 PM
23	It is boring. See my above comment. You want something aww inspiring and memorable. I get having something calm for a leisure pool but I would rather have something you want to look at... also the paint on the wall in the mock picture is awful and clashes with the art and takes away from it.	10/14/2021 2:03 PM
24	Something a lot cheaper. That is a large space and the art work looks lovely but is way too expensive and small for such a large area	10/14/2021 11:06 AM
25	Mural	10/14/2021 10:56 AM
26	Any local artists to highlight?	10/14/2021 10:00 AM
27	Doesn't seem to fit the rest of the centers decor	10/14/2021 6:41 AM
28	Who is the specific audience for the leisure pagoda? My understanding was it was intended for children. Maybe art more befitting that age group.	10/14/2021 6:39 AM
29	It would be an ok - or search for other local artists more personal to our community	10/14/2021 6:15 AM
30	Something more evocative of Los Alamos. Something from a Los Alamos artist.	10/13/2021 10:33 PM
31	Beautiful and very fitting	10/13/2021 4:12 PM
32	Support LAPS show LA community pride	10/13/2021 7:05 AM
33	It's nice but not super creative. Can we find a more local artist that is representative of our area?	10/12/2021 9:24 PM
34	It looks like you have two super basic pools and a slide. I like art but I thought the idea was a kid pool. This looks like a massive failure. Use the money for fun kid pool activities	10/12/2021 6:38 PM
35	Ugly and a waste of money.	10/12/2021 3:14 PM
36	There is a mural that is painted in the main building which was maintained well of the years and would not be a hazard if fallen or dropped.	10/12/2021 12:52 PM
37	Simpler. People won't be there to admire the art. Also, individual tiles in constant humidity will fall out, requiring replacement, which will no doubt also be pricey. Go simpler.	10/12/2021 12:47 PM
38	I'd rather see more of Richard Swenson's art.	10/12/2021 11:55 AM
39	I'd love to see a similar concept, but not at the cost.	10/12/2021 10:42 AM
40	The central panels are mundane with the border, almost a cookie cutter design. At \$500.00/sqft I would expect more originality and Los Alamos deserves it. This would be more of the \$120 - \$200.00/sqft design as it lacks detail, and true originality. The pieces do not appear to be true mosaics, but distressed porcelain. I find it interesting that they are already made, listed on her	10/12/2021 10:33 AM

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website installed in Los Alamos. So why did the county decide after the fact, to ask if we liked them?

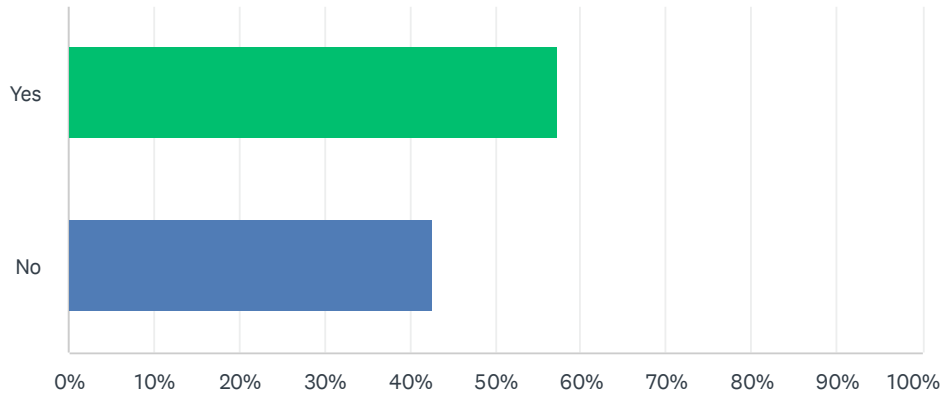
41	Something more playful and less expensive.	10/12/2021 10:17 AM
42	Realistic or even abstract scenes that better reflect New Mexico and more specifically, Los Alamos. A preferable option would be to get a set of river, lake, waterfall, or even pond images rather than an overpriced version of tiles that could be acquired at any flooring or tiling shop. The scenes could still be done on a ceramic medium, or even painted directly onto the wall sections themselves.	10/12/2021 10:09 AM
43	No, they are drab and boring. Isn't the lagoon supposed to be fun? Find something with more color.	10/11/2021 10:49 PM
44	This would be fine but I also like the idea of having local High School students paint a mural	10/11/2021 9:19 PM
45	Tiles are fine, maybe something with a water picture rather than just a tile pattern.	10/11/2021 11:07 AM
46	Letshelp some struggling families instead.	10/11/2021 6:59 AM
47	Invite one panel per school or a competition o area artists	10/10/2021 9:46 PM
48	Something much less expensive!	10/10/2021 5:40 PM
49	What will happen when a tile breaks off?	10/10/2021 4:00 PM
50	Something more kid friendly. Turtles, dolphins, etc. could still be made out of the smaller tiles.	10/10/2021 2:42 PM
51	Kind of sedate and way, way, way too expensive	10/10/2021 1:34 PM
52	Have an art contest for children of different ages. Let the winners pieces be transferred to ceramic tiles. This art you're showing is boring. The entire room is boring. The art inside the regular swimming pool is moving and interesting. Ask for suggestions that are tasteful and fun from Ken Nebel, a local expert. Then, listen to him.	10/10/2021 11:35 AM
53	Too expensive	10/10/2021 11:17 AM
54	Something more figurative or interesting design. This is plain for the large expense	10/10/2021 8:54 AM
55	These pieces look very outdated. In an area where there's children playing, I expect something brighter and more cheerful for art.	10/10/2021 7:17 AM
56	Need something to last a long time in a moist environment. Any idea if the tiles help dampen noise?	10/10/2021 12:16 AM
57	Too abstract	10/9/2021 11:43 PM
58	Let the children paint	10/9/2021 11:36 PM
59	This is not representative of our region.	10/9/2021 6:39 PM
60	They are pretty, but I wonder is a more kid centered idea with brighter colors would be better?	10/9/2021 6:15 PM
61	They are quite bland and don't really convey anything. Perhaps a mural that depicts a seascape (with sea creatures like whales, dolphins, stingrays in motion) might be more visually attractive or maybe life sized kids art	10/9/2021 3:51 PM
62	I don't think that we need to spend \$100,000 for art work that only a few people will see. It's not out in the open.	10/9/2021 1:08 PM
63	Anything other then water. We will be looking at actual water	10/9/2021 11:59 AM
64	Colors and textures are perfect for a pool!	10/9/2021 11:51 AM
65	In my opinion, there is a lack of vibrancy and originality in this piece. It blends into the background and doesn't spark my imagination. The medium, although, appears to be well suited to the wet, humid environment.	10/9/2021 11:34 AM
66	It fits a pool theme	10/9/2021 11:10 AM
67	Good fit, but I'd rather see public art in a truly public place that everyone can see	10/9/2021 10:58 AM
68	The amount of funds set aside for art is WAY TOO HIGH. There are other projects around town	10/9/2021 10:11 AM

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	that needs the finances. Find an art high schooler! this would bolster their portfolio!	
69	Patterned wall tile (the whole wall) or use paint to bring in color -a mural would be awesome!	10/9/2021 10:06 AM
70	It just looks too basic. There isn't enough interest in each panel. I like the idea of a water concept, but find this unimpressive.	10/9/2021 10:02 AM
71	I would like animals interacting with water in a natural environment on the panels. Each panel could show a different native animal near a stream or in the rain etc.	10/9/2021 9:50 AM
72	Since this area is mainly aimed at families and small children, please consider artwork that is more kid friendly. This feels more like something we would see at a spa.	10/9/2021 9:02 AM
73	Would be nice to commission some local students to create art for the panels- given this is an area for children- it would be a nice way to get the community involved and save on cost	10/9/2021 8:26 AM
74	Functional acoustic tile suspended from ceiling and walls. This material looks to hard to be of practical value	10/9/2021 8:25 AM
75	These are abstract and "plain" in my opinion. Something more fun and with more energy would be better for an aquatic center.	10/9/2021 8:13 AM
76	Hire someone local to organize a mural or big panels or something. Talk to the highschool art teacher. 100k could be better spent...	10/9/2021 8:05 AM
77	the addition of some concept related to the southwest, or mountains, would be nice, to distinguish it from any pool, anywhere	10/9/2021 7:44 AM
78	You should ask HS kids to paint art for the pool. They'd be happy to get 100 bucks for theirs. Not 100000 !!!	10/9/2021 7:34 AM
79	Yes, it's very nice art. Many of our community members have creative skills too and could contribute similar aesthetic, I really encourage every project to consider utilizing local talent for some of the art, not just to save on costs but to encourage community engagement and investment from both the government and the citizens.	10/9/2021 2:17 AM
80	It's so abstract and bland for a kid/family space. I'd like to see more color and more movement in the art pieces	10/8/2021 9:19 PM
81	Waste of money! Have the local schools make something!	10/8/2021 8:50 PM
82	It's a fun play area for exercise, families and youth and the art should be energetic and reflective of play. This is not a spa.	10/8/2021 8:32 PM
83	It's very expensive.	10/8/2021 7:21 PM
84	I agree art is great but can we find art that represents the town and is more practical in price ? Could we encourage students to submit art work for the space?	10/8/2021 7:16 PM
85	I think having large planters with live plants would lend an upscale feel to the space, although they would need to be inaccessible to small children. I also think something a bit more stimulating would be nice since I'm hoping in will be a fun space for kids.	10/8/2021 7:05 PM
86	The cost is ridiculous for a pool the taxpayers al ready support, people go to swim, not view art.	10/8/2021 7:05 PM
87	Why are we spending \$100000 on this "art"? Hire local teens to create something. We have many talented teens who could contribute to this.	10/8/2021 5:56 PM
88	Aquatic themed artwork that would be delightful to children as well as adults. I imagine sea creatures and marine life themed. Something less boring and plain.	10/8/2021 5:07 PM
89	Maybe something that is actually appealing to children?	10/8/2021 3:51 PM
90	Perhaps more than wavy lines	10/8/2021 3:10 PM
91	Why does it need art work? \$100k of taxpayer money could be spent in much better ways.	10/8/2021 3:00 PM

Q4 Do you think these panels would be a good fit within the Los Alamos County Art Collection?

Answered: 284 Skipped: 16



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	57.39%	163
No	42.61%	121
TOTAL		284

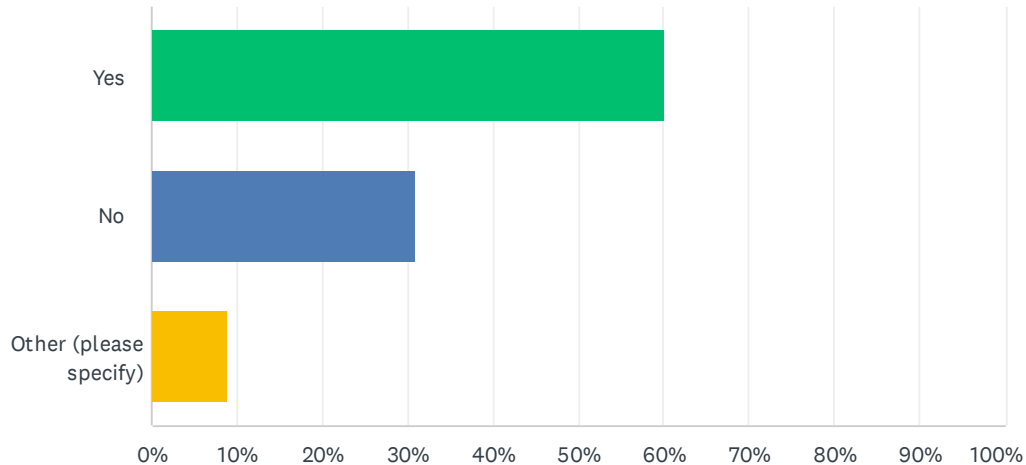
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I dunno	10/25/2021 3:12 PM
2	I find these more appealing than the large structural art installations that pop up around town.	10/21/2021 12:28 PM
3	Doesn't seem to represent Los Alamos very well.	10/20/2021 9:27 PM
4	Southwest local art	10/18/2021 9:27 PM
5	It may have more fitting for them to be incorporated into the exterior structure design.	10/18/2021 3:57 PM
6	Well only for the Aquatic center - wouldn't really make sense elsewhere	10/17/2021 6:35 PM
7	This might be a better fit as an exterior display at Ashley Pond or the White Rock Library where the artistic styles are more compatible.	10/17/2021 12:15 AM
8	Too expensive	10/16/2021 4:23 PM
9	These pieces are too specific to the theme of aquatics.	10/16/2021 2:17 AM
10	Not sure	10/15/2021 3:18 PM
11	Not at the proposed location. Please consider a safer location.	10/15/2021 8:19 AM
12	\$100,000!!'	10/14/2021 11:06 AM
13	Can't really speak to that.	10/14/2021 6:41 AM
14	Too expensive.	10/14/2021 6:39 AM
15	Ugly.	10/12/2021 3:14 PM
16	They do not represent Los Alamos diversity and beauty.	10/12/2021 10:33 AM
17	Very plain.	10/12/2021 10:17 AM

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18	I am not aware of the decision process, and if other artists were also considered.	10/11/2021 6:34 PM
19	too expensive!	10/10/2021 5:40 PM
20	Too simplistic and expensive	10/9/2021 11:43 PM
21	This says nothing about Northern New Mexico.	10/9/2021 6:39 PM
22	The cost is too high	10/9/2021 1:08 PM
23	If these tiles are made by a local artist, then yes.	10/9/2021 11:10 AM
24	San comment ad prior. Yes, good fit and good addition to collection. However public art should be able to be enjoyed by all of the public. Not in a pool that only a small fraction of the public uses.	10/9/2021 10:58 AM
25	Too generic, not specifically about Los Alamos. Los Alamos means Cottonwoods so it would be pleasant to show a connection.	10/9/2021 9:50 AM
26	Given the space, I think art from children in the community may be a better fit.	10/9/2021 8:26 AM
27	I really don't know the answer to this	10/9/2021 7:59 AM
28	Some but not as many as are proposed.	10/9/2021 2:17 AM
29	I would like to see pieces that could be used in multiple locations. I think this would allow more people to enjoy the various art. Not everyone goes to or utilizes all County properties.	10/9/2021 12:36 AM
30	Don't know	10/8/2021 9:19 PM
31	100,000! That's insane	10/8/2021 8:50 PM
32	Too expensive and do not go in the space proposed. Everything else will be bright.	10/8/2021 8:32 PM
33	It's very expensive.	10/8/2021 7:21 PM
34	Waste of money!	10/8/2021 7:05 PM
35	These are so simple and plain.	10/8/2021 5:56 PM
36	Lacks creativity. Absolute junk art, honestly.	10/8/2021 5:07 PM
37	Not yet familiar with the County's collection	10/8/2021 3:56 PM

Q5 The panels represent various forms of weather and bodies of water. Do you like the art?

Answered: 298 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	60.07% 179
No	30.87% 92
Other (please specify)	9.06% 27
TOTAL	298

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	The art is fine. I don't find it particularly provocative/thought-provoking, which is neither good nor bad.	10/21/2021 12:28 PM
2	Not sure	10/20/2021 9:27 PM
3	Not exactly a NM theme, but interesting.	10/17/2021 12:15 AM
4	Seems extremely expensive for such simple art	10/16/2021 9:12 PM
5	Beautiful but not needed	10/16/2021 4:23 PM
6	Not at the proposed location.	10/15/2021 8:19 AM
7	See above comment.	10/14/2021 3:32 PM
8	I like the idea	10/14/2021 11:06 AM
9	Mostly	10/14/2021 10:00 AM
10	Its... ok. Nothing about it is overwhelmingly amazing	10/14/2021 6:15 AM
11	It's fine - but I don't love it.	10/12/2021 10:42 AM
12	They miss the mark on originality and varied bodies of water. Where are the deep pools, rivers, streams, storms, etc. that IS Los Alamos.	10/12/2021 10:33 AM
13	Hell NO. It may be an abstract attempt to represent weather and water, but it's just a bunch of wavy lines with different colors.	10/12/2021 10:09 AM

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14	The concept is somewhat bland for an area dedicated mostly to very young customers.	10/11/2021 6:34 PM
15	yes, but still too expensive! Why don't you use a local artist who wouldn't cost so much?	10/10/2021 5:40 PM
16	It's meh	10/10/2021 1:34 PM
17	I do like the art work. But the pool - the whole project from day one of building the Blue Whale - has always cost too much.	10/9/2021 1:08 PM
18	Just OK	10/9/2021 11:10 AM
19	I like the concept but could be a lot better	10/9/2021 8:43 AM
20	Some of them	10/9/2021 8:25 AM
21	It's okay, but a bit bland. Somehow incorporating something about Los Alamos's location in the mountains of the southwest would make it more unique in identifying the area. Otherwise, it could be placed in a pool in New York.	10/9/2021 7:44 AM
22	Yes, I like the art but I wouldn't have guessed what it represented other than spa-related panels.	10/9/2021 2:17 AM
23	I couldn't look at them very closely or see texture which I assume is important in these pieces. It's hard to answer this question.	10/8/2021 8:58 PM
24	It's very expensive.	10/8/2021 7:21 PM
25	I do not dislike the art but I do think it's a waste of money	10/8/2021 7:16 PM
26	Okay, honestly, it looks like something a middle school student could have come up with. It's nice, but it doesn't make me go "Wow. That's \$100,000 worth of awesomesauce."	10/8/2021 6:20 PM
27	I think some of the art that is more detailed pulls in the viewer more. I understand what this is supposed to be, but it's not enticing enough to hold my gaze.	10/8/2021 4:17 PM

Q6 Any additional comments you would like to provide:

Answered: 115 Skipped: 185

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	10/25/2021 3:12 PM
2	Please explore other options that have a happier feeling to the art	10/24/2021 2:37 PM
3	Better to have photos of city and local flora and fauna. Photos from PEEC photo contests are much nicer	10/24/2021 1:07 PM
4	It's hard to believe the city is spending millions of dollars on a leisure lagoon even though we already have an olympic-sized swimming pool, let's not make it more expensive than it already is.	10/24/2021 10:50 AM
5	Thank you for doing this work and supporting the arts!	10/22/2021 8:15 PM
6	I appreciate anyone that volunteers their time to make committees like this work. Thank you	10/21/2021 12:28 PM
7	This is a lot of money to spend when there are so many other things our county needs more.	10/20/2021 9:27 PM
8	I agree with the concept, price and am excited to see the outcome and f funded!	10/20/2021 7:34 PM
9	I like the bluer ones best but understand they are a set.	10/20/2021 12:32 PM
10	Having been an an APP board, I appreciate your work snd effort !!!	10/19/2021 6:30 PM
11	Empower local artist. They will be more invested	10/18/2021 9:27 PM
12	\$100k is ridiculous and inappropriate	10/18/2021 5:29 PM
13	Please keep looking.	10/18/2021 5:10 PM
14	This is a difficult location for art, especially within reach of young children. A mural out of reach of children would be more appropriate, or even considering an artist, such as David Fricks, who has experience in Los Alamos County and working within areas of high traffic by children.	10/18/2021 3:57 PM
15	Such a wasteful proposal. Local talent can provide better relevance and value	10/18/2021 10:51 AM
16	I feel that these purchases require more vetting and not just the opinion of the Art in Public Places Board. This survey monkey poll is only responded by a very small percentage of residents . Are these proposals taken to the County Council? Perhaps a display of these tile images during the election voting or at other public locations such as the library could provide further outreach to residents to provide feedback....	10/17/2021 5:18 PM
17	A waste of money in this venue	10/17/2021 4:19 PM
18	This artwork is stunning! I swim regularly at the Aquatic center and I would likely go out of my way to admire the art whenever I come in.	10/17/2021 2:29 PM
19	It would help to see one of the panels or even a tile up close. It is hard to see the detail in what you have presented here.	10/17/2021 8:20 AM
20	Seems like a high price for simple art.	10/16/2021 9:12 PM
21	I do like the idea of art in public spaces and the water representation is a good idea, but we should be supporting local artists as much as possible. Maybe an indigenous artist, or one from a community near LA such as a local Pueblo that incorporates some sort of water or flowing design would be a better use of these funds.	10/16/2021 5:16 PM
22	I could do better art. The County should have a call for Artists. For \$100,000? C'mon...	10/16/2021 4:53 PM
23	I believe there is better use of public money. Especially sincr we voted against the cost of that leisure pool twice and the County built it anyway.	10/16/2021 4:23 PM

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24	I think the county should consider other artworks, perhaps by local, Native artists, for example Pueblo artwork or artwork that represents the history of Los Alamos and other cultural aspects.	10/16/2021 2:17 AM
25	Too expensive and not needed.	10/15/2021 6:15 PM
26	I like the mosaic tile format, especially for the leisure pool location. The pieces as pictured evoke peaceful, refreshing water, which will enhance patrons' enjoyment of the leisure lagoon	10/15/2021 3:18 PM
27	I don't know if you need all 5. Maybe it would look better with with the first panel alternating with the last panel...dark frame, light frame, dark frame..etc.	10/15/2021 12:10 PM
28	Finally there's beautiful abstract design, real art, about to be put in a suitable environment. The space/lagoon will be fabulous place to visit as much for these pieces as the pools themselves. Please approve. We deserve this artist's work in Los Alamos.	10/15/2021 10:51 AM
29	In general, there are redundant looking pieces, while missing some basic water attributes, e.g. Snowflakes, clouds	10/15/2021 8:58 AM
30	Please consider an alternative location to can provide some distance from playing children.	10/15/2021 8:19 AM
31	no	10/15/2021 7:54 AM
32	Too much \$\$'s for an already over budget project.	10/15/2021 6:12 AM
33	Nope	10/14/2021 10:54 PM
34	Thank you to the committee!	10/14/2021 7:27 PM
35	This art sounds wonderful	10/14/2021 6:08 PM
36	Honestly, the people complaining about this are such rubes. This is a great idea, please go ahead with it.	10/14/2021 5:35 PM
37	This art is ugly!! Hate it!	10/14/2021 3:49 PM
38	For 70 years I have enjoyed swimming in the various Los Alamos pools: for classes and fitness in the original LAHS pool of synchronized, masters competitive, Red Cross maternity Saturday classes, adult swim club on Sunday nights after a day in the ski slopes, and in the the neighborhood pools of East Park and Barranca. I enjoyed serving on the Art in Public Places committee for eight years when the county purchased the 200 ft aquatic mural and the stain glass panels over the entrances of the Aquatic Center. I feel this new work of art provides a diverse style of art appropriate for the new Leisure Pool. Congratulations to the committee for choosing art that portrays the various moods to be found in the water activities of this new facility.	10/14/2021 2:59 PM
39	Waste of money. There should be cheaper options. It's a pool not an art gallery	10/14/2021 10:56 AM
40	See comments above. Appears too expensive, doesn't appear to fit other pool decor, would rather support young artists at reasonable cost. Artist already claims she has been given the job? Why are you even asking for opinions if you've already made up your mind?	10/14/2021 6:41 AM
41	I loved the idea I saw somewhere of cycling chosen art projects from the schools in displays in that area.	10/14/2021 6:39 AM
42	Not at this time	10/14/2021 6:15 AM
43	I would prefer different options	10/13/2021 2:33 PM
44	I think they're beautiful.	10/13/2021 1:47 PM
45	Please use the money elsewhere. Easy solution ask an art teachers from LAPS	10/13/2021 7:05 AM
46	Thank you for keeping Los Alamos beautiful ♥	10/13/2021 5:38 AM
47	Nice work. Where is the artist from?	10/12/2021 11:05 PM
48	I support art in public places and understand it's something you/we have to pay for. I think the space will be made more special and welcoming with the addition of this art.	10/12/2021 8:52 PM
49	No money to make the pool nice but 100K for art? This is the painfully Los Alamos	10/12/2021 6:38 PM
50	Is this the only artist/artwork that you've had bid? Does the artist have any family/friends on	10/12/2021 5:57 PM

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the review committee?

51	How about a plain blue wall that is a mirror image of the Leisure Lagoon?	10/12/2021 3:14 PM
52	The panels are attractive. But costly.	10/12/2021 12:47 PM
53	No	10/12/2021 12:02 PM
54	The pieces do not appear to be true mosaics, but distressed porcelain. I find it interesting that they are already made, listed on her website installed in Los Alamos. So why did the county decide after the fact, to ask if we liked them?	10/12/2021 10:33 AM
55	Looks like a terribly overpriced concept.	10/12/2021 7:58 AM
56	Look for more creative ideas to decorate the pool area before spending money that can be better used in more dilapidated areas of the city.	10/11/2021 6:34 PM
57	Quite pricey!	10/11/2021 3:07 PM
58	What is the process for determining the price? Was there a call for art for this building? What is the budget for this building? Were there other art submissions? How did you choose this particular piece? Was there any public input in this process?	10/11/2021 10:56 AM
59	they would feel more calming if they were horizontal rather than vertical	10/11/2021 6:18 AM
60	No comments.	10/10/2021 7:36 PM
61	We don't want our tax dollars going towards such expensive art.	10/10/2021 5:40 PM
62	I think these would look great in that space! And they are interesting pieces in and of themselves.	10/10/2021 4:51 PM
63	PAINT is a whole lot cheaper, and can be changed regularly. How about some painted murals? The tiles are BOR-ING, and WAY WAY WAY overpriced.	10/10/2021 3:21 PM
64	The cost is eye watering.	10/10/2021 1:34 PM
65	I think 20k a piece seems a bit steep, otherwise the art and atmosphere are good	10/10/2021 11:35 AM
66	It definitely needs something. Maybe a mural painted all over the walls. There is nothing inviting about this room, to me.	10/10/2021 11:35 AM
67	I love the chance to provide input.	10/10/2021 9:14 AM
68	Is this really the best use of funds?	10/9/2021 11:36 PM
69	Los Alamos should be paying our local artists and this concept brings a fresh new concept to our new area	10/9/2021 4:12 PM
70	That is way to expensive for what it is. Just put up decorative tiles that look like water.	10/9/2021 12:31 PM
71	This is a huge waste of money	10/9/2021 11:59 AM
72	Why put water art in a place where there is already water, that is a stupid concept and idea. There are other art mediums that convey leisure other than water. Spending that much money when you can just look in the pool at the water. Pick something else!	10/9/2021 11:57 AM
73	Perfect for the pool area!!	10/9/2021 11:51 AM
74	Huge supporter of APP and appreciate all the board does! I love seeing art throughout our community and feels it adds to our quality of life. Just not personally a fan of this piece.	10/9/2021 11:34 AM
75	I wondering if this was the only art considered for this space. Mosaic tiles are sort of generic and not very interesting. It seems more like a decorating scheme than an art installation. Not sure it's worth the expense	10/9/2021 11:10 AM
76	I like the size of the panels. Substantial for the space	10/9/2021 11:07 AM
77	Public art should be able to be enjoyed by all of the public. Not by only the small percentage of public who pays to use the pool.	10/9/2021 10:58 AM
78	None	10/9/2021 10:43 AM

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79	\$100k for art in a pool is outrageously expensive. Please be more fiscally responsible!	10/9/2021 10:18 AM
80	The amount of funds set aside for art is WAY TOO HIGH. There are other projects around town that needs the finances. Find an art high schooler! this would bolster their portfolio!	10/9/2021 10:11 AM
81	Such a large art installation needs to be more interesting. Please consider something else.	10/9/2021 10:02 AM
82	We don't need something that looks like a tile you could buy at home depot.	10/9/2021 9:50 AM
83	The artwork is fine but not a good fit for the space.	10/9/2021 9:02 AM
84	No	10/9/2021 8:58 AM
85	I would prefer less expensive and/or higher quality. although I see beauty and water in these they do not look to be worth the price tag. these look like elementary school art, and honestly I would prefer if they were. what about supporting local artists or an art student? this amount of money could be a scholarship and pay for their art school.	10/9/2021 8:43 AM
86	Please test your acoustics. It matters. Do it with water in the pool.	10/9/2021 8:25 AM
87	The blue whale has been a money pit since it was built. as a native Alamite I'm offended and outraged money keeps being thrown into this ugly monstrosity. The people keep voting no on this garbage but money continues to be wasted. Every time the wind blows infrastructure fails. When will \$100000 be spent on replacing failing water and sewer infrastructure? Or electrical infrastructure? More artwork isn't necessary. You can continue to try polishing the ugly, but it will remain an expensive eyesore.	10/9/2021 8:09 AM
88	Make it something more fun, bright, and colorful that would appeal to small children	10/9/2021 7:59 AM
89	Stop wasting money. The pool itself is over 7 million. Just stop	10/9/2021 7:34 AM
90	I would like to see more concepts. For instance brighter and more color. Maybe the same concept, but with the sun or a tree, like a sky, 5 sun phases from sunrise to sunset, or a tree in different seasons. Also, the cost seems a little high for the simplicity.	10/9/2021 5:56 AM
91	Very soothing art! Love the colors	10/9/2021 4:21 AM
92	THINK LOCAL. LOCAL IS WHERE YOU'RE BUILDING, WHERE YOUR CONSTITUENCY OR CITIZENRY IS AND PERHAPS WHERE YOUR PAY BASE IS AT/FROM. People here are talented if given the opportunity, it baffles me that they aren't the first pool of talent that is offered a chance.	10/9/2021 2:17 AM
93	How can this money be put to better use? Put your thinking caps on.	10/8/2021 9:44 PM
94	No comments	10/8/2021 9:13 PM
95	\$100k???? That's too much.	10/8/2021 9:01 PM
96	None	10/8/2021 8:58 PM
97	Thus county and the way the spend the tax payers money so frivolous is disgusting	10/8/2021 8:50 PM
98	Love it!	10/8/2021 8:49 PM
99	Start over and review art work in other similar facilities. It's part of an active recreational facility not a relaxing day spa.	10/8/2021 8:32 PM
100	I quite like the art and I would be fine with it in the leisure lagoon. But. It will me mostly kiddos. Perhaps some art that is more geared towards kids would be more appropriate?	10/8/2021 7:49 PM
101	Seems too expensive	10/8/2021 7:31 PM
102	Perhaps the Art in Public Places Board should consider public places art, and fix non-ADA compliant entrances to our schools.	10/8/2021 7:30 PM
103	This county thrives off of community activities and is a town that is growing to be very family oriented with young families again. As a newer local the proposal of this much money being spent is disheartening. Please focus our money to things that truly improve the county. The lagoon is an awesome improvement but 100,000 on art work is ridiculous.	10/8/2021 7:16 PM
104	.	10/8/2021 7:05 PM

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105	Stop wasting money!	10/8/2021 7:05 PM
106	Too expensive	10/8/2021 6:26 PM
107	Please make the space fun and enjoyable. This "art" lacks creativity and is flat. It would create a dull atmosphere which is what the aquatic center is known for: Dull, boring, rundown, gross, etc etc. It would be nice to have art that represents what the ocean is: Full of LIFE	10/8/2021 5:07 PM
108	You're robbed if you pay that amount	10/8/2021 4:08 PM
109	This is a children's focused area of the pool, this art is not at all appealing and seems out of place in a kids area.	10/8/2021 3:51 PM
110	Super beautiful!!!!	10/8/2021 3:50 PM
111	We don't have anything else like this in our collection, so it would add diversity. For a multimillion dollar addition, \$100K seems like a very reasonable investment	10/8/2021 3:10 PM
112	Love the idea of tiles and aquatic theme. Just very plain. Maybe mosaics of aquatic animals & plants.	10/8/2021 3:10 PM
113	\$100k is A Lot. And there's tons of art the county is trying to unload fro. Poor past purchases. Now doesn't seem the best time to frivolously spend money.	10/8/2021 3:00 PM
114	I like these mosaics. However, the price is too much and I think putting art in a swimming pool is a waste of money. The pool doesn't need art, no one will care if it's there or not. Best save that money for something else.	10/8/2021 2:52 PM
115	No	10/8/2021 2:50 PM

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Letter To The Editor: Why Bother Taking A Poll?

Submitted by Carol A. Clark on October 12, 2021 - 12:28 pm



By A. SCOTT
Los Alamos

I recently took the poll regarding the "Art Mosaics" the County has purchased for the leisure pool. I say purchased as it is on the artists website as installed in the Los Alamos Aquatic Center.

<https://www.amandajaffe.com/art-in-public-places>

The APP board is trying to be good stewards of the taxpayer's funds yet fails to get input before they commission the works. Having them listed as part of the Los Alamos Aquatic Center, leads the public to believe that they are sold.

Los Alamos is unique in the different forms of water found in the region. Pools reflecting the morning sun or sunsets after a long July day, have more color and depth than the pieces defined by Las Cruces.

To find these scenes just look at the diversity in the daily postcards on the Los

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Alamos Daily Post website. One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) could be spent on art that distinctly represents Los Alamos and would not be subject to potential destruction by bored kids, or thieves that are never prosecuted.

Let's say the APP Board decided to replace all the yard art stolen, and unrecoverable by the police department. Put the art out for public display at homes and business around Los Alamos, where it can be enjoyed by all, not just the members of the Aquatic Center.

How about we see how well the addition to the Aquatic Center is received, before we start mixing in very expensive art.

Perhaps the LA Schools could have the children of the community create tiles to be used in a community-based art display, or perhaps nooks with armored glass where pieces can be rotated through rather than a static display.

Art is subjective, and can only truly be appreciated when the noise and constant din of the daily activities are silenced, not going to happen in a kiddie pool, otherwise it is just decor and not Art.



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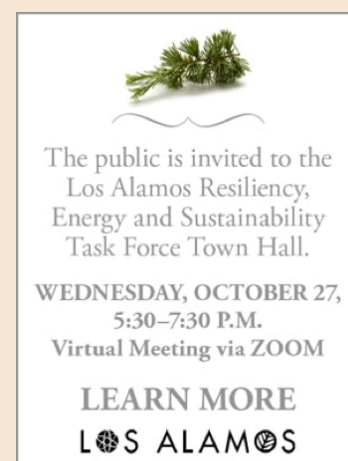
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By A. SCOTT Los Alamos I recently took the poll regarding the "Art Mosaics" the County has purchased for the leisure pool. I say purchased as it is on the artists website as installed in the Los Alamos Aquatic...



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Lisabeth Lueninghoener

The pragmatist in me agrees with a lot of what you are saying, though I do understand the need to budget for fine art. However, I'm not sure about your initial premise. It seems to me like there was a call for proposals and this person submitted some ideas.

"Also pictured in this section are models that are part of a proposal for five large murals for the Los Alamos, New Mexico Aquatic Center addition for a children's pool area."

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Stephanie Haaser

Lisabeth Lueninghoener, were there multiple proposals? I thought this was no bid contract.

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Lisabeth Lueninghoener

I have no idea. But the writer was using the claim on the website as the basis for the letter and when I went to look, I saw no evidence of more than a proposal.

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Reply to Lisabeth Lueninghoener...



Derek Smith

Exactly, the county keeps asking for our input on a variety of topics and then does what it wants.

100,000 for some pictures of water? Why??? The pool addition itself is over 7 million. Like I mentioned somewhere else, ask kids at the HS to create some art for the pool if that's a need. At least it would've be meaningful
Just stop wasting our money

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Alma De M

Derek Smith I would even suggest some local Native American art from the nearby Pueblos. I'm sure we could easily support some good local artists without the super expensive price tag of these other fine art pieces.

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Andrea Pistone

Alma De M, I love the native designed pottery along the main road in White Rock. Not sure who actually made them. They are beautiful.

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Becky Miller Chamberlin

I see on the artist's website that you linked: "Also pictured in this section are models that are part of a proposal...", not that it has already been installed. Did the artist change the wording in the past two hours?

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Karen O'Keefe Doebling

What would be a waste is if they didn't spend it. The money is specifically set aside from construction projects so that we can have art. The Boards job is to spend the money. In this case, I don't happen to like what they've chosen, but I guess we'll see what the survey says.

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Stephanie Girodat

I'm not an expert in art or museum studies, but it seems unusual to characterize art as something that cannot be in busy environments without being demoted to decor. There are many iconic pieces that are enjoyed outside the sterility of a gallery. I thought the purpose of public art was to be in busy places to make people happy:) Just my two cents!

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Andrea Pistone

Stephanie Girodat , agree. I have an issue with the location - inside a building that a small percentage of the public uses.

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Reply to Stephanie Girodat...



Stephanie Haaser

Landscaping and outdoor benches are viable alternatives that the Board could pursue that would be accessible to all. They could restore some of the landscaping around the Aquatic Center and provide benches.

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Per Amanda Jaffe's website: "Also pictured in this section are models that are part of a proposal for five large murals for the Los Alamos, New Mexico Aquatic Center addition for a children's pool area."

Per the Art in Public Places survey: "The Art in Public Places Board would like to gather information on proposed art for the Leisure Lagoon"

These pieces have not been purchased nor commissioned yet. The Art in Public Places Board is seeking public input before any decisions are made regarding this project.

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Submitted by Carol A. Clark on October 14, 2021 - 11:13 am



By Father Theophan
Saint Job of Pochaiv Orthodox Church
Los Alamos

My tenure as the Chairperson of the Art in Public Places Board (APPB) for Los Alamos County is coming to an end, but I would like to make one plea before I go.

The Parks and Recreation Board came to the APPB a year ago and suggested that we find art to enhance the aesthetics of the Leisure Lagoon, the addition to the Walkup Aquatic Center that is under construction.

Originally, I had found an artist for the outside and the inside of the proposed space, but the exterior proposal would have required a change to the architecture of the building and much expense. The interior piece could be applied to the wall, much

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like any other tile, after the construction was complete.

When a piece of art is proposed to the board, after the artist and placement and cost of the work is agreed upon, before it is taken to the county council, we seek public comment.

Two years ago, we proposed a large installation by Evelyn Rosenberg that would have enveloped the new pedestrian tunnel under the road leading out of town. The cost was high, but it would have been integrated into the tunnel itself and been a crowning achievement by a well know artist. The county board decided that it was too far out of town and cost too much.

Last month we reached out to the community for comment on “Boys of Pajarito Plateau” by Jeff Segler. The strong majority of the response was negative. Some due to the subject matter, some due to the artist’s affiliation, and some due to the price. The board listened to the public and withdrew the proposal.

Now we are entertaining another proposal. The price is large: \$100,000. But for its size, by square footage, it is 1/10th the price of the “Boys” painting. Two-hundred square feet of hand-made and hand-painted porcelain is not cheap, but it is permanent. Amanda Jaffe has a similar mural that has remained unchanged outside the Staten Island Zoo, exposed to New York winters, for the past 30 years. She was my ceramics professor 25 years ago, and was creating large tile, water-themed, installations back then. When this space was suggested to the board, I immediately thought of her work.

The argument as to whether or not there should be a public art collection in Los Alamos was settled 20 years ago. The county charter has 1 percent of capital improvement projects allocated for public art and 1.5 percent of road projects, not necessarily to be applied to that specific project.

We also only consider works of art that will last for more than 20 years. If you want the public art to go away, vote on to the county council who will change the charter. Arguing against the APPB in their service won’t get rid of the art, it will only make it harder to find artists willing to work with the county.

When an artist is paid for their work, they are not being paid just for the time and materials that went into that specific piece. They are being paid for their education, for thousands of failures, and hundreds of breakthroughs; for a life-time of commitment to what some vocally deem as worthless.

“Well, I could do that!” as an argument against art, should receive a resounding, “Then why don’t you?” If it is so easy as to be a worthless endeavor, give it a try. Make something that no one has ever made before, and then put it into a public forum where people with no appreciable education or experience can throw verbal manure at it.

“I don’t know art, but I know what I like.” is ignorant and arrogant. Take the time to learn about something before you judge it.

“All opinions are not equal. Some are a very great deal more robust, sophisticated and well supported in logic and argument than others.”

We on the APP board go out of our way to work with local artists, and if there is a local artist who wants to work with the county and our board, we welcome them as

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we have in the past. When there are calls for local art, or ideas for placement or installation, we get good feedback, but sometimes must broaden the scope of our search.

This all occurs with the background noise of those who feel that art is a waste of time, that a six-figure payout to an artist is excessive while extolling virtues of weapons scientists making much more than each year.

For the love of our collective humanity, if you value art, if you walk around Ashley Pond and reflect on how beautiful a place we live in, if you feel that Los Alamos' legacy should be more than weapons systems, please fill out our survey and become vocal in this discussion. Those who don't care for art, beauty, or transcendence are making themselves heard. Make your voice heard.



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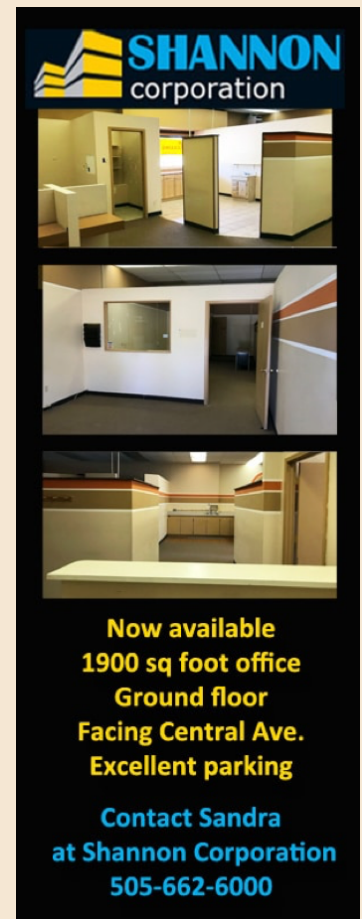
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The County could afford a full time teacher for that price. Could you imagine if our priorities shifted just a little.

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Karen O'Keefe Doebling

Stephanie Haaser Does the County hire teachers?

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Derek Smith

Karen O'Keefe Doebling Through laps

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Stephanie Haaser

Karen O'Keefe Doebling, honestly I'm not sure the County specifically could employ a teacher. I would argue there are things our community needs that far outweigh spending an excessive sum on a single piece of art. Are there not creative, artist ways to improve decaying staircases and sidewalks around town? Could some of this funding be distributed to our schools to create artwork for the County? I understand there is an existing requirement that a certain percentage of funds be used for this purpose -- I am curious, though, if that could be interpreted in such a way that our town is beautified in creative ways outside of sculpture, paintings, and what we typically think of as "art."

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Karen O'Keefe Doebling

LAPS is not "the County". Art in Public Spaces is specifically budgeted for art. Maintenance and capital projects have their own budget. If there are things that need to be improved, sidewalks, etc, that's a different process. And I'm not sure it's a matter of money to fix them, but perhaps more of awareness of the need to fix a thing

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Stephanie Haaser

Karen O'Keefe Doebling, it's quite shocking to see so much money spent on individual projects, regardless whether the money is allocated for this purpose or not. At such prices, I would hope our County could come up with more creative interpretations of how art is defined.

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Karen O'Keefe Doebling

I agree that maybe Art could have a broader interpretation, but given that they are building the leisure pool and a certain portion needs to be art, I don't have a problem in principle with the expense. In this case, \$100,000 for tiles seems high, but if they are handmade by a local artisan, then maybe that is a good investment in an artist. In this case, I'm torn because it seems like a lot \$ for something that's just not that interesting.

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Stephanie Haaser

Karen O'Keefe Doebling, I do not believe she is a local artist.

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Kenyon Mackey

Karen O'Keefe Doebling she works in Las Cruces.

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Karen O'Keefe Doebling

So in that case, not sure it's worth the price

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Kenyon Mackey

It is two hundred square feet.

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Karen O'Keefe Doebling

Kenyon Mackey here's my thinking: will I walk in to the leisure pool and think "wow. They chose really nice artwork" or "wow. they chose high quality tiles"? From the sample in the survey, I think my impression would be the latter, and that could be done for probably \$80/sq ft instead of \$500/sq ft.

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Karen Knoerr Wray

Karen O'Keefe Doebling how exactly did you arrive at \$80/sq ft instead of \$500/sq ft? Have you any experience creating ceramic tiles or are you thinking in terms of tiling a bathroom?

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Karen O'Keefe Doebling

Karen Knoerr Wray Really it was just a guess based on bathroom/kitchen tile installation. I looked up some tile calculators online and chose some of the most expensive I could find. And used the price of of my kitchen tile installation for a reality check.

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Karen O'Keefe Doebling

Karen Knoerr Wray and that was my point, that in the pictures in the survey, it just looks like expensive bathroom tile.

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Karen Knoerr Wray

Stephanie Haaser how do you define art?

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Karen Knoerr Wray

Karen O'Keefe Doebling bathroom tiles are not the same thing as handmade ceramic tiles.



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Stephanie Haaser

Karen Knoerr Wray, I finally found examples of her work that are priced comparably - it's quite expensive, though. I'm generally uncomfortable with the amount of money our County is spending on these projects. Other communities submit requests for commissions and are given options, which is not happening here.

Plus, I'm uncertain why the maximum budget was not assigned as \$82,000 (1% of the \$8.2 million Leisure Lagoon budget).

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Karen Knoerr Wray

Stephanie Haaser Perhaps you should ask the Art in Public Places Board these questions.

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Stephanie Haaser

Karen Knoerr Wray, budgets aren't set explicitly, nor are they required by the County Code to submit requests for bids. This is a discussion for the County Council.

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Reply to Karen O'Keefe Doebling...



Derek Smith

Why not ask the HS art kids to paint something? It would be so much more meaningful

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Stephanie Haaser

Derek Smith, definitely this! There was a young woman at the HS a couple years ago who I would go out of my way just to see her artwork.

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Brenda Kelley

Derek Smith I stated the same thing on my survey. Every project this county does should tap into the community members for art, in particular.

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Kenyon Mackey

Brenda Kelley if you know of artists who want to work with the county, please let us know.

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Brenda Kelley

Kenyon Mackey Talk to the people in the art world: school art teachers, UNM-LA art instructors, **Ken Nebel** at Village Arts, Fuller Lodge Art Center, artists listed in Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce, Los Alamos Creative District and artists listed in FB,...
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Ken Nebel

Brenda Kelley We just got the survey today and we'll be sending it out to our E-mail list! Thanks!

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Domonique Coetzee

Derek Smith that's exactly what I said

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Derek Smith

Kenyon Mackey i did. HS kids

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Derek Smith

Kenyon Mackey ok so have the kids paint on canvas or whatever

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Kenyon Mackey

The funds for public art here in Los Alamos are already set aside. The funds are available for nothing else but the acquisition and upkeep of a public art collection. If one disagrees with that allocation then a change in the structure of our country charter would be the goal. But to avoid spending the money on art is to let it sit idle for no purpose.

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Stephanie Haaser

Kenyon Mackey, making it known that the County has a specific amount to spend is why artists charge the County an excessive sum. Of the recent art works that have been put to public survey, only Sandoval's was priced at a level comparable to his other artwork. I have not seen any evidence that this art is a typical price for this artist's work.

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Brandi Engeman

Stephanie Haaser if you believe 200 sqft of custom tile artwork is not worth the cost that's being asked, I suggest doing a little more diving into the supplies, time, effort, transportation etc that goes into a piece this large and ask yourself why we should undervalue art in a town with funds specifically set aside to value such works.

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Stephanie Haaser

Brandi Engeman, I disagree with the percentage of funds set aside (annually) for art and with pursuing art that are essentially no bid contracts. It's not undervaluing art to suggest perhaps the County is being gouged by artists who know the County has a blank check with respect to art.

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Brandi Engeman

Stephanie Haaser we have the privilege of investing in art and we should do so. I don't disagree that there are things that need attending to, but we can afford to curate art in this town, and we should.



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Stephanie Haaser

Brandi Engeman, I'm not as convinced we can and lean towards moderation. I can't imagine telling those in poverty in this town that spending \$100,000 on an art installation is a necessary use of their taxes.

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Brandi Engeman

Stephanie Haaser folks always want to help those in poverty by cutting funding for schools and art or libraries. I suggest looking at the budget and seeing what a small percent the accumulation of art really is and what other line items might be more frivolous and expensive instead. Art is one of the things that is accessible and benefits everyone, especially when curated publicly, including those you're concerned about who don't have the time or resources to pay for collections or trips to museums etc.

We've been taught to attack the low hanging fruit in this country, and that cuts to arts or schools or public library funding will somehow save us, while meatier budget items that may not benefit the public sit back and get fatter. I see your point, but disagree completely that cutting our arts budget is going to address our social inequities.

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Stephanie Haaser

Brandi Engeman, you misunderstand my intent. I would prefer the funds to be used in our schools, particularly arts programs within our schools, or aiding aspiring artists in our community to pursue their studies in exchange for their art for public display. As an alternative, the funds could be used to creatively design improvements that enhance our community; I'm thinking particularly about improving pedestrian access to DP Rd and access to schools.

With an entrance fee placing art in the Aquatic Center is not public, nor accessible to all.

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Stephanie Haaser

Brandi Engeman, I should emphasize the "majority of the funds" in my statement above. I recognize the importance supporting well known, accomplished artists - I just don't believe these large purchases should be regular occurrences.

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Brandi Engeman

Stephanie Haaser but it can't. The county can't give money to the schools and those other projects already have funding. So you're suggesting we take money away from arts and give it to programs that 1) we can't and 2) have their own funding. My understanding is a portion of this art budget for the leisure lagoon was in the building proposal itself. I don't disagree that this town needs an infrastructure boost, but eliminating the Art in Public Places budget is not going to improve those problems and will create a town that no longer has the great artistic pieces that so many enjoy for free.

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Stephanie Haaser

Brandi Engeman, others have also suggested the funds can not be invested in our schools, which I find interesting. Could the County truly not offer supplies to the schools for community projects? If the schools truly are off limits, could the Fuller Lodge Art Center be an alternative? That, at least, is managed by the County.

And I wasn't talking about eliminating the budget for art from accomplished artists -- just reducing what I consider an excess.

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Becky Miller Chamberlin

Stephanie Haaser Just a brief clarification on the entrance fee. For the big pool, you do not have to pay to enter the building, only to use the pools. For example, as a parent, I did not pay to come sit and watch when my kids were taking swim lessons. I paid only for their lessons. Is there any reason to expect a different policy for the leisure pool?

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Stephanie Haaser

Becky Miller Chamberlin, probably not. That being said, would you have gone if you didn't have children who were using the pool that you could afford to pay their entrance fee?

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Reply to Stephanie Haaser...



Domonique Coetzee

Kenyon Mackey so then put it to an art program
That is still filling the "art budget"

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Karen O'Keefe Doebling

I was wondering what the process was to arrive at this proposal. Was there an RFP for art for this setting? Were there any other options?

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Kenyon Mackey

Karen O'Keefe Doebling We go looking for artists who work locally, and semi locally. There are calls for art proposals, and we follow up on them. We do calls every few years for that kind of information, but they are not technically RFPs.

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Karen Knoerr Wray

Do some artists overprice their work for these kinds of projects? Maybe, but do you know what goes into an artist's prices? Art has been woefully underpriced for Los Alamos for decades.

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Brenda Kelley

Here's another idea, take this budget and grow some artists. Send a few diverse artists/people to learn the art skill or method that is desired for the space. Then offer assistance in obtaining supplies for the project with an agreement that the resulting pieces will belong to the county.

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Karen Knoerr Wray

Brenda Kelley "growing artists" isn't as easy as you are suggesting. It takes years to learn art, not weeks or months. That's perhaps why this artist is charging what she is for this project: experience, skill, native ability, and YEARS. Many of the comments throughout this thread seem to assume that art is a skill you can quickly learn and master, but that is just not true. If you don't like the proposed work, suggest another artist, but don't assume you can train someone to do this in a few months.

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Brenda Kelley

Karen Knoerr Wray Growing an artist beyond their current skill level doesn't mean you're starting from scratch. Maybe artists would like the chance to expand. I didn't mention time frame but was considering a year or two immersion type of program.

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Karen Knoerr Wray

Brenda Kelley Or, how about this idea: hire an experienced ceramics artist to do the job. They're out there, we don't need to invent or "grow" one.

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Karen Knoerr Wray

We are 37 miles from the 3rd largest art market in the U.S. I'll bet there are a few qualified artists who would be capable.

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Brenda Kelley

Karen Knoerr Wray

I'm guessing you made the recommendation or have a stake in the matter the way you're battling for the most expensive, least local option. Or a vested interest in the pricing. I get that, make sure people know art is expensive is one way to ensure their sticker shock can be refuted.

I've seen a glimpse into the art scene in Los Alamos back in the day, late 1970's, and how artists here marketed their work, sought work and negotiated prices here in town compared to other markets in the pre-internet era. It wouldn't kill a town like Los Alamos to invest in the resident artists or use their talent and local status to enhance projects or places.

I get that your storefront implies some authority as spokesperson for all art in Los Alamos but that seems unlikely since the call for outside, expensive work seems to be the repetitive message.

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Karen Knoerr Wray

I have absolutely no stake nor vested interest in this proposed acquisition. I am also not battling for the most expensive, least local option, nor am I or have ever been associated with the Art in Public Places Board. I believe it would be preferable to hire an experienced ceramic artist, rather than trying to grow or train one to do this project, which, if successful, may take years. If the fact that the problem is that the proposing artist does not reside in Los Alamos, perhaps the Art in Public Places Board should reissue this RFP locally, placing preference on local artists.

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Stephanie Haaser

Karen Knoerr Wray, there was no RFP to secure this artwork.

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Stephanie Haaser

Santa Fe actually did something like this from 1995-2001. It was the Community Youth Mural Program.



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Coene Schamaun

Were there earlier surveys that I missed? I thought this survey was to offer a selection of art choices, not only ask about a single project. For \$20,000 per panel, I also was hoping for something a bit more memorable, more visually bright and cheerful, and somehow more creative. To me, just because it has thousands of small tiles, doesn't really make it more pleasing or interesting (my opinion only). Did we have other choices?

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Los Alamos County Community Services Department

This is the first survey the APP Board has done regarding art for the Leisure Lagoon.

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Coene Schamaun

Los Alamos County Community Services Department thanks. Do you know if other art is being considered?

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Los Alamos County Community Services Department


Coene Schamaun Currently this is the only art considered for the space and within the survey. However, that does not mean it is set in stone, which is why the Board is seeking public input. If you have some ideas and suggestions for potential art for the Leisure Lagoon, please mention it in your survey response.

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Shannon CdeBaca



I am generally NOT in favor of the County spending large quantities of money. However, I am actually in favor of art in public spaces. Art like this takes hundreds of hours (the panels are huge) and the leisure pool will likely see a lot of use. Santa Fe has amazing art in the round house that speaks well of the city's commitment to art. Tourists and residents base the commitment a community makes to art on what they see. If we want to cultivate appreciation of science by exposing kids to science then we need to do the same with art. The funding stream for this is complicated and not just from County tax funds. More than anything else at my college, I remember a mural that always made me think of beauty in a tough world.

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By Father Theophan Saint Job of Pochaiv Orthodox Church Los Alamos
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for Los Alamos County is coming to an end, but I would like to make on...

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Brandi Engeman
Thank you for this. How frustrating it must be to hear art accumulation treated so poorly by a community that has the spare funds set aside specifically for this purpose.


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Phil Rink
The idea that it's impossible to run a functional public program where nobody can say yes but anybody can say no is worth discussing.

The idea that we have to put up art to offset the horror that we do is nonsense. Buying and selling indulgences is significantly out of date.

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Becky Miller Chamberlin
Phil Rink Not offset. Enrich.

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Phil Rink

Becky Miller Chamberlin I'm all for enrichment. Completely. And it's enough, on it's own.

By the way, I've seen a lot of 1% for art projects. They're all bland and boring and don't say anything. They're decorations, really. Art needs patrons, I think. Committees don't work.

There's great public art in La Paz and PV. Maybe it would be worth finding out how that happened.

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Becky Miller Chamberlin

Phil Rink How about the origami sandhill crane by the WR library? Or the grandmother bronze by the Senior Center?

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Carrie Labunski Shimek


I would like to have choices. If the APPB was able to collect submissions from multiple artists and ask the community to weigh in, I think the conversation would be received more positively. The survey makes me feel like the question is all or nothing.



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 **Kenyon Mackey**
Carrie Labunski Shimek this is the third survey this year. Each is a choice of yes or no. The board does the vetting, but it is a long process for each possible piece.

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Carrie Labunski Shimek
Kenyon Mackey, it sounds like you're in a hard position!


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 **Kenyon Mackey**
Carrie Labunski Shimek not for much longer! 😊



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Karen O'Keefe Doebling
Carrie Labunski Shimek YES! exactly that.



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Shannon CdeBaca
A thoughtful and informative letter. Thank you. I hope this fosters greater understanding and constructive dialogue.

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Amanda Waldschmidt
THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU! Art and the artists who create it can be so under appreciated.

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Valerie Wood

I read Fr. Theophan's letter with interest. It feels like we are making a mountain out of a molehill. This is a splash pool, not the entrance to Ultimate Aquarium. Some nicely rendered aquatic themes like schools of fish, turtles and waves will do the job. Bright colors, some humor, maybe fancy spouts for the water inlets. Kids aren't overly critical. We have local artists who could do the work. A few years back, a member of East Park Pool painted a delightful octopus mural on our inside wall. Interesting, enjoyable and uncomplicated. We shouldn't be overthinking this.

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Valerie Wood THIS

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Valerie Wood
Brenda Kelley

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Melissa Mackey

Art is more than bright colors and simple drawings for children.

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Valerie Wood

Melissa Mackey We're talking about a splash pool, not the Louvre. This is a public facility built with public money, for use by Los Alamos residents. It is not an opportunity for several someones to create their vision of Los Alamos on the public's dime. Kids will be perfectly happy with ocean waves and brightly colored sea creatures. So will the adult visitors.

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Becky Miller Chamberlin

Valerie Wood It sounds like the action you may want to take is to petition Council to amend the 1% for Art provision in our county charter.

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Valerie Wood

Becky Miller Chamberlin I'll look into that. Thanks. We have some great statuary in the county. I'm not against public art, but we get a little carried away sometimes. Whatever materials we use to decorate the splash pool/leisure pool is going to have to stand up to the elements and chlorine. I served on EPP's board of directors for several years. It's impressive how much of an impact sun, weather and general use can have on an outdoor facility in just one season.

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Valerie Wood As I understand it, these murals will be indoors.

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Valerie Wood

Becky Miller Chamberlin At least some of it appears be exposed to the elements. Or maybe that's a closable patio? I looked at some of the tile offerings. They seem fine.

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Reply to Valerie Wood...



Brenda Kelley

Durability of ceramic pieces that will be 'appreciated' up close or hand's on may become depreciated before its lifespan is up. What maintenance and repair costs are anticipated?

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Sean Williams

I don't have a great eye for visual art, which makes me glad we have an Art in Public Places Board. And to Father Theophan, I take the recommendations of the boards and commissions very seriously.

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Craig Norborg

I don't know, I found the article a bit condescending and contradictory. He states that the art is to enhance the aesthetics of the Leisure Lagoon, which directly relates to whether something is attractive or appealing, but dismisses someone saying they don't like it because they admittedly don't know art. I find that point of view to be arrogant, and ignorant of the audience of this which is not necessarily people with an art degree. Will the swimmers will need to undergo an art appreciation course in order to enter the pool in order to enjoy it? I tend to agree that I find these pieces wholly unappealing and would rather see something more reflective of local artists or topics, maybe like a series of art depicting species native to this area, or local landmarks. I also like the suggestion that rather than simply showing the pieces you want to buy at the end of the process, maybe doing more surveys throughout the process and giving multiple choices makes more sense. And assuming that the weapons scientists with big salaries, of which I am not one, don't want a six-figure payout to an artist is probably not only wrong, but condescending too. I doubt they care how much money is paid if they feel the art is the right fit, and they make up quite a bit of the audience that determines if it is a good fit or not. I do agree that Ashley Pond is beautiful, which only bolsters my support of finding local artists or local themes makes much more sense.

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Stephanie Haaser

I hope the community follows Theophan's encouragement to stand at Ashley pond and "reflect on how beautiful a place we live in." I would challenge everyone to consider what they are truly marveling at when they are standing at Ashley Pond. Is it the statues and works of art that are dispersed throughout this community, or the natural beauty within our County?

Note: His letter should say 0.5% of road project budgets, not 1.5%.



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Becky Miller Chamberlin

Why not both?

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Stephanie Haaser

Becky Miller Chamberlin, I'm sure for some people it is both, and that's valid. Not all of us have the same background and value the same things, though, and that should be equally valid.



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Marie Michnovicz

It's stunning!

If you look at the artist's website you'll see the details better.



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Diane Hammon

I would love to see something more exciting. This addition was built for families and particularly kids to use. Something more whimsical and fun would be more appropriate. While these tiles may be nicely done, please consider something more imaginative and fun.



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