



County of Los Alamos

Council Meeting Staff Report September 23, 2021

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Indexes (Council Goals):

Presenters: Theophan Mackey

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Title

Leisure Lagoon Potential Art

Recommended Action

I move that the APP board move forward with selecting an artist and developing art ideas for the space identified in the new kiddie/leisure pool space at the Aquatic Center.

Body

Member Mackey is the lead for this project. Steve Huebner updated the board at the Oct. 22nd meeting, stating that the Kiddie Pool construction is scheduled to begin on Feb. 2021 and be completed in Feb. 2022. As the project manager, Steve expressed that if APP is going to consider putting art in this location, that a firm design would be needed by Aug. 2021. Initial ideas from the board were a mural, a mosaic of tile or other material, Ceramic art such as fish, similar to the kites in the White Rock Library, and Sea Creatures. Board is to brainstorm ideas for this project with additional information of materials recommended for an enclosed aquatic center environment. At the Dec. 17, 2020 meeting Member Mackey presented two potential artists for the interior, Amanda Jaffe, and, Collette Marie for the exterior of the building. Member Mackey was tasked with further discussing with these artists further details and rough estimate costs for potential art. At the Jan 2021 meeting Member Mackey provided addition details of the proposed pieces. The Exterior would be a concrete formed lined piece, proposed to be placed above the new windows of the pool. The Interior is proposed to have 5 pieces, each sitting underneath the new windows of the pool, and would need to be sunk at least 2 inches into the wall. Both proposals need extreme coordination with the project manager, Steve Huebner for feasibility in construction timeline and contractor capability an scope. Staff Liasion, Katherine Hudspeth, reached out to Steve Huebner with a summary of Jan. 2021 discussion, asking several questions, Member Mackey was cc'd. At the Feb. 2021 meeting New Chair Mackey provided additional details. The exterior of the Aquatic Center will be concrete block, not form-lined, as previously through, therefore the stamped concrete is not a viable idea. Further research needs to be done for any exterior ideas. As for the interior, Amanda Jaffe is excited for the potential project, and does need to figure out how the pieces would be mounted, since they can't be sunk into the wall. She going to send samples, attn: Katherine at the Muni Bldg., and does plan to use thick tiles (2in), would use 2in angle iron and adhesive to mount. Safety concerns were brought up at the June 2021 by county staff, and the board was asked to consider other ideas for art for the facility. Chair Mackey requested a meeting with the CSD Director to discuss. Chair Mackey was to gather additional information from the artist before any additional action was taken.