



**CITY OF ALBANY
PARKS & RECREATION
ADVISORY BODY AND STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: June 9th, 2014

SUBJECT: Mural on the Childcare Building at Memorial Park

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SUMMARY

The Arts Committee in collaboration with the Albany Community Foundation and artist Deb Danziger are working towards the creation of a mural on the Childcare Building at Memorial Park.

STAFF AND ADVISORY BODY RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the location of the proposed mural on the East facing wall of the Childcare Building at Memorial Park. The Arts Committee has approved the mural sketch and use of materials.

BACKGROUND

In December 2013, artist Deb Danziger proposed to the Arts Committee a mural on the Childcare Building at Memorial Park. The Arts Committee liked the project and Deb's work. The Albany Community Foundation will gift to the City funding to cover a portion of the costs and Art in Public Places funding will be requested at a City Council meeting in July. At the May meeting Danziger provided the Arts Committee with a detailed proposal of the prospective Mural Project including a breakdown of costs for materials, labor and site preparation. At the June meeting, she presented a first sketch which was approved by the Arts Committee.

DISCUSSION

The objective of the mural is to enhance the playground area at Memorial Park for residents and park users alike by beautifying the area. The mural will depict Albany as it would have looked if untouched by development. This depiction of a forested Albany also includes animals and children playing. The mural will be located on the East facing wall of the building which also faces the tot lot play area and is surrounded by pine trees. Notices have been sent to residents that live within a 300 foot radius from the park of the opportunity to see the mural sketch and provide feedback at the June meetings of the Arts Committee and Park & Recreation Commission.

Attachments

1. Sketch of proposed mural