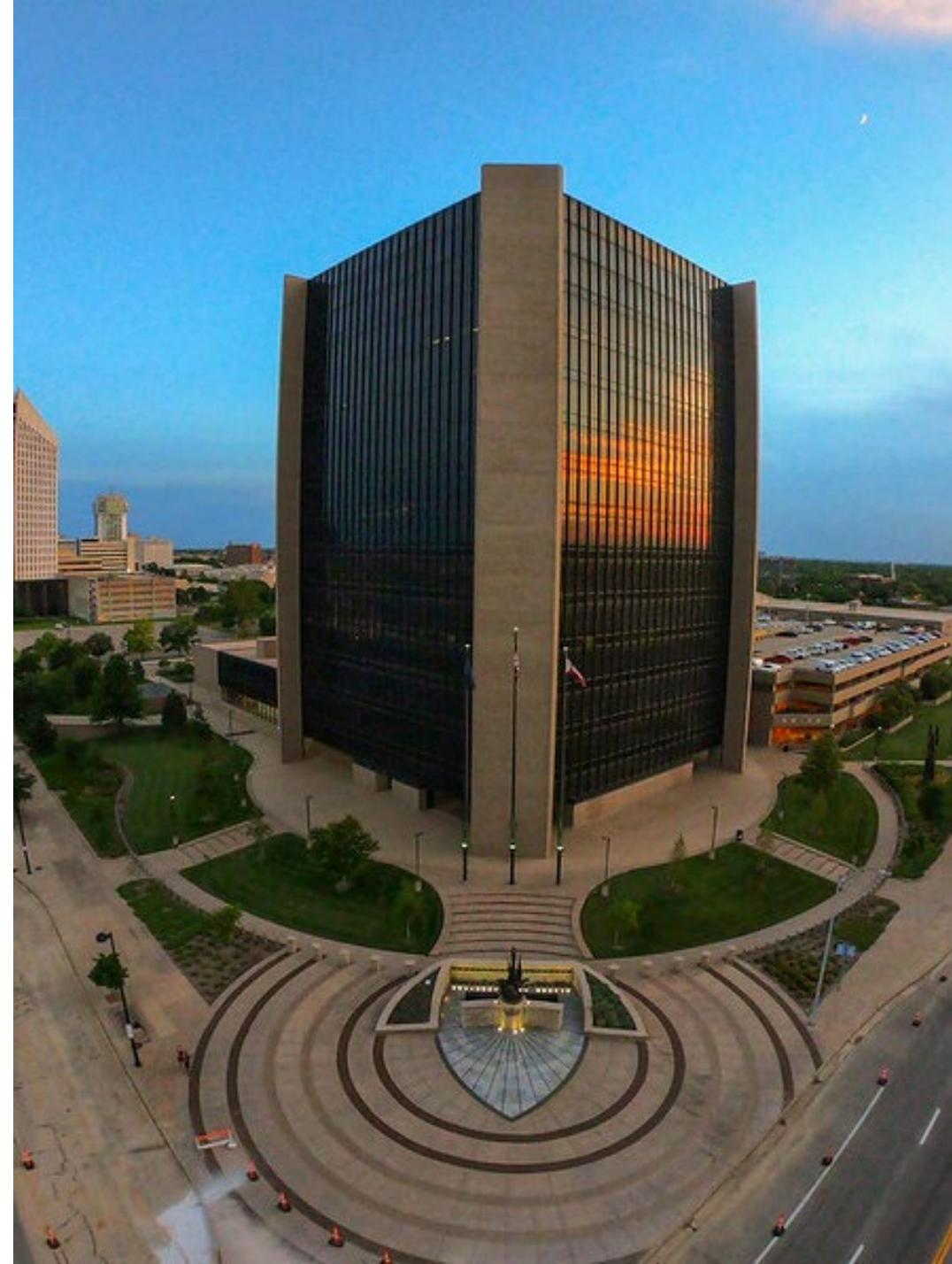


Chester I. Lewis Reflection Park Project – Artist Contracts (District I)



Department of Park & Recreation

July 20, 2021



Background



- Chester I. Lewis Reflection Square Park is being redesigned and expanded
 - Named for the late prominent local civil rights leader
- The park will serve as an entry plaza for the Kansas Health Science Center – Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine
 - Park offerings will increase as a vibrant public outdoor space in the heart of Downtown



Analysis



- On June 7, 2021, the Design Council recommended the Chester I. Lewis Park Project be designated a special considerations project
- An Art Consultant was selected at the beginning of the project
- Two artists have been selected to create and install public art in the space with a primary focus of honoring the legacy of Chester I. Lewis
- The artists were selected after a national request for proposal (RFP)
- From the direction of the Design Council, the artists are integrated into the project for maximum exposure of art elements



Analysis, continued



- Two artists selected:
 - Ellamonique Baccus, local
 - Scope of work is for the floor plan of the park, including features such as decorative tiles at the ground level
 - \$120,000 contract
 - Matthew Mazzotta, national
 - Scope of work includes design elements such as lighting historical features and other unique artistic items
 - \$350,000 contract
- The remaining \$30,000 will be used as contingency in the case of unanticipated costs



Financial and Legal Considerations



- Art allocation in the project totals \$500,000 based on staff recommendations and approval of a revised bonding ordinance
- Agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form
- Based on City Code Sec. 2.15.080, artists are hired either by the project architect or project art consultant
 - Contracting directly with artists is an exception to City Code
 - Approval of this exception is recommended since the art process was in progress prior to the City Council's approval of this code on January 7, 2020



Recommended Action



- It is recommended that the City Council approve the exception to City Code Sec. 2.15.080 for direct hiring of artists, approve the contracts and authorize the necessary signatures



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