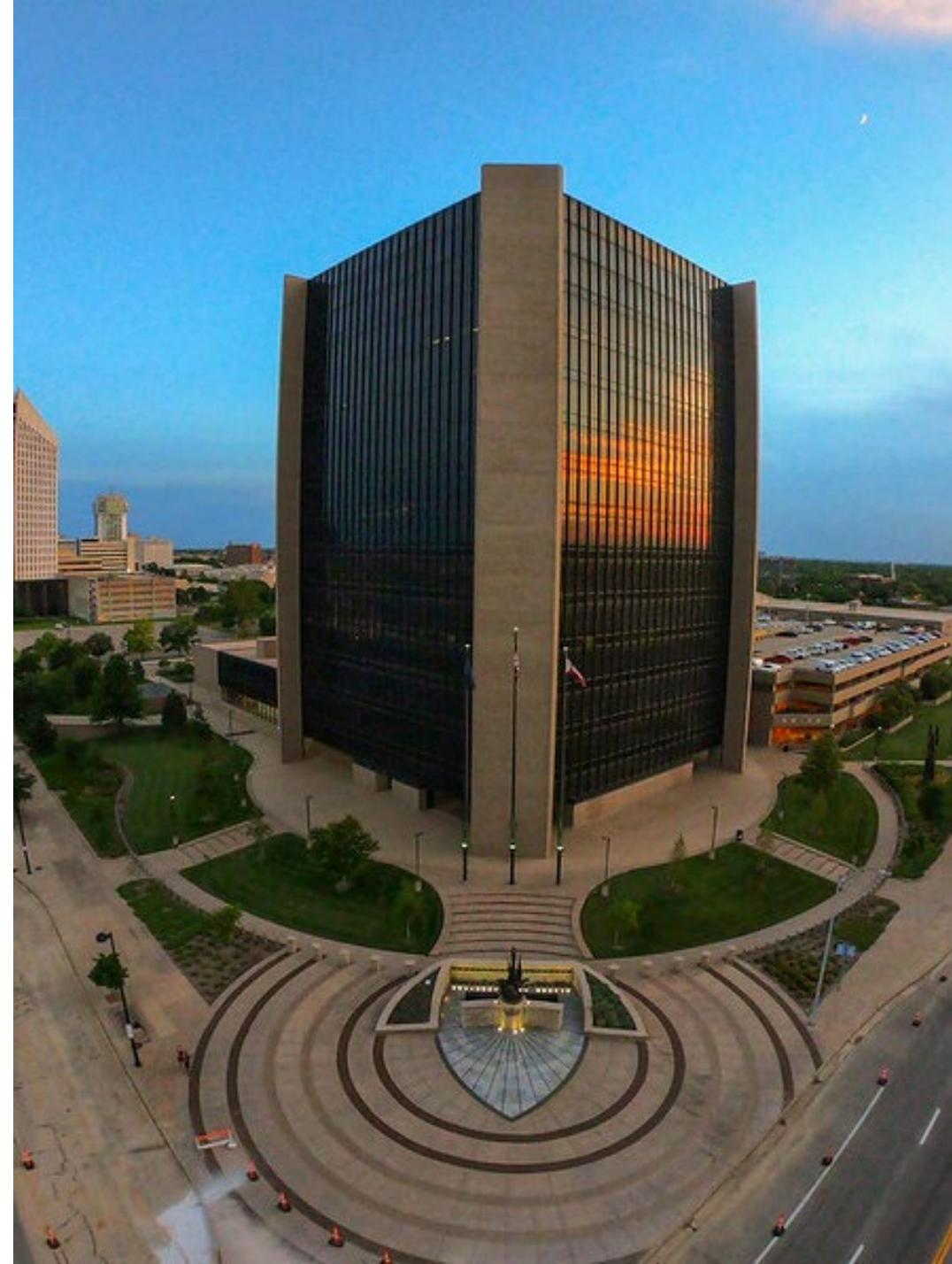


Chester I. Lewis Reflection Park Project – Public Art (District I)



Department of Park & Recreation

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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
- On November 12, 2019, the City Council approved the development agreement and the project budget of \$1,300,000 in Tax Increment Financing
 - Includes \$100,000 for public art



Analysis



- On June 7, 2021, the Design Council recommended the Chester I. Lewis Park Project be designated a special considerations project
 - Recommendation allocates \$150,000 from the 2021 CIP Art Fund Budget
- On June 28, 2021, the Wichita Parks Foundation signed an agreement for a \$250,000 donation to the Chester I. Lewis project through private donors, Which includes \$150,000 from Wichita Downtown Development Corporation.



Adopted CIP – Public Art



- The 2021-2030 Adopted CIP includes \$11,669,609 in GO at-large funding for Public Art associated with CIP projects, consistent with City Ordinance 51-165
- This funding is allocated annually throughout the 10-year CIP planning period and includes amounts either allocated for specific projects or unallocated and available for additional projects as recommended by the Design Council
 - 2021-2030 Adopted CIP contains \$345,638 in unallocated public art funds



Financial and Legal Considerations



- Staff recommend allocating \$150,000 to the project, consistent with Design Council recommendations
- In addition to the CIP allocation, the Wichita Parks Foundation pledge of \$250,000 will increase the project bonding resolution from \$1,300,000 to \$1,700,000
- Within the \$250,000 WPF pledge, \$150,000 will be raised from Wichita Downtown Development Corp.
- The Law Department has reviewed and approved the agreement and amended the bonding resolution as to form



Recommended Action



- It is recommended that the City Council approve the donor agreement, increase the project budget, approve the revised bonding resolution and authorize the necessary signatures



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