



## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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### ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: December 6, 2023

#### Subject

Consider a public art installation for Jollyman Park

#### Recommended Action

Receive a presentation on the proposed public art for the All-Inclusive Playground Project at Jollyman Park and approve the public art.

#### Discussion

On November 22, 2021, the Arts and Culture Commissioners approved the in-lieu payment for art at the “Public Storage” development site. On May 2, City Council approved appropriation of the art in-lieu funds for the All-Inclusive Playground (AIPG) at Jollyman Park. On May 22, staff introduced the initial public art concepts to the Arts and Culture Commissioners who provided their feedback. This input was considered, and staff and consultants made appropriate revisions. Subsequently, on September 25, the revised public art concept was again presented to Commissioners. They provided additional feedback, which was taken into consideration and the project team made final adjustments to the proposal.

#### *The Artists*

Scientific Art Studio, an innovative design studio located in the Bay Area was selected to design the art piece. The studio designs interactive exhibits, play features and artistic sculptures in the Bay Area and beyond.

Urban Arts Project (UAP) was selected to implement the design concept and fabricate the art piece. UAP is an artist collective with a strong track record of worldwide creative and quality art installations.

#### *Location*

Jollyman Park is an easily accessed City-owned site. The proposed interactive artwork, at the top of the Slide Mountain feature, will be visible to park visitors, residents, and pedestrians.

### *Design*

The project team proposes one outdoor public art installation at the Jollyman AIPG to incorporate interactive play components that further elevate the all-inclusive nature of the Jollyman Park. The interactive art piece is a rotating color- and shadow-casting kaleidoscope that will be installed at the top of the Slide Mountain feature. This art piece capitalizes on the theme of “nature exploration” that drives the play area's overall design and adds an additional layer of light and color sensations. It creates a visual draw to the play area from the surroundings, adding layers of sensory exploration and wonderment. Its movement can be manipulated and operated by individuals and/or groups. As it rotates, the art piece casts moving shadows and changes colors, creating shade and a rich, visually textured experience.

The art piece, with its interactive components, provides visual stimulation, detail, and joy to Jollyman Park, inviting residents and the community alike.

### Environmental Review

This project is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements per Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land).

### Next Steps

The Art and Culture Commission's decision is final, Jollyman AIPG public art will be considered approved from this hearing date. Final design, fabrication, delivery, and installation will commence upon approval of the selected public art piece.

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### Attachments:

A - Draft Resolution

B - Scientific Art Studio Resume

C – UAP Resume

D - Artwork