



**City of Missoula, Montana
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

Committee: Climate, Conservation and Parks
Item: Referral--Silver Park Sculpture Walk Agreement
Date: April 3, 2024
Sponsor(s): David Selvage
Department or function: Parks & Recreation
Prepared by: David Selvage

Ward(s) Affected:

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- All Wards
- Ward 4
- Ward 5
- Ward 6
- N/A

Action Required:

Approve proposed 10 year term agreement with Arts Missoula for placement and maintenance of sculptural art in Silver Park

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Approve the proposed 10 year term agreement with Arts Missoula for placement and maintenance of sculptural art in Silver Park and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Timeline:

Committee discussion: May 22, 2024
 Council action (or sets hearing): June 3, 2024
 Public Hearing (if required): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
 Deadline: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Background and Alternatives Explored:

This proposed agreement provides for enhancement of Silver Park and supports the arts without out substantive cost to the city. Community members would be able to view the changing sculptural art in the park at no cost. Silver Park was selected for this project due to its favorable location and available amenities including trails, shelters, restrooms, and public parking. It is anticipated that the addition of sculptures will help further activate and support appropriate uses of the park.

The proposed agreement provides for the placing and maintenance of up to ten (10) private, sculptural art pieces in Silver Park. The agreement term is 10 years. The agreement provides a mechanism to potentially expand the number and location of sculptures.

Arts Missoula is an established 501(C)3 non-profit. Arts Missoula is supporting this partnership by providing leadership, fiscal sponsorship, and insurance coverage. Arts Missoula is working directly with community members who have been working to bring this proposal forward. It is

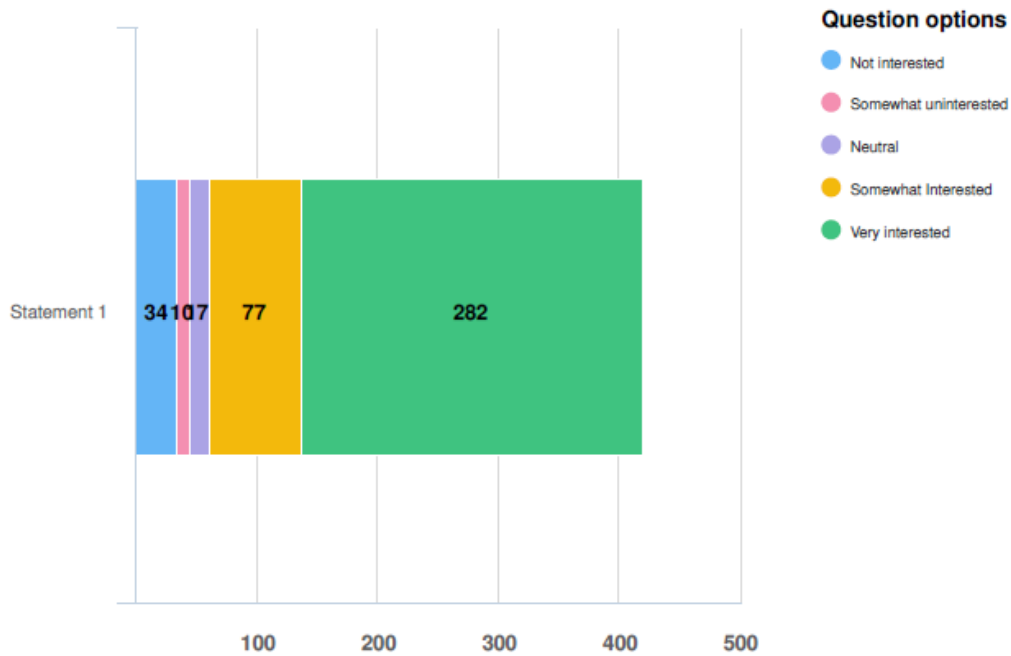
anticipated that the individuals behind the sculpture walk project will establish their own 501(C) 3 in the future, at which time the agreement and terms can be assigned and/or transferred to them.

All sculptures placed and maintained in the park under this agreement are to be entirely privately funded. The agreement provides for a public review and input process for all pieces proposed to be placed in the park. The City's Public Arts Committee is tabbed to provide a public process for review and input on all sculptural pieces proposed to be placed in the park.

The City's Parks and Recreation Board reviewed the agreement proposal at their regularly schedule public meeting on 3/12/2024 and are recommending Mayor and Council approve it.

The Parks & Recreation Department has provided additional opportunities for public engagement on this proposal. The Department released a press release announcing the project proposal and provided a public opinion survey on the Engage Missoula website. The survey was open for nearly all of March. Survey returns indicate strong interest in and support for the proposal. Over 85% of survey respondents indicated positive support or interest (see below and attached). Staff also met with Riverside Neighborhood leadership members who voted unanimously in support of the project and agreement.

Q2 | How interested are you in seeing a Sculpture Walk installed in Silver Park?



Mandatory Question (420 response(s))
Question type: Likert Question

Financial Implications: No direct costs to City

Links to external websites: [Connecting Art Culture and Community | Arts Missoula](#)