



Agenda Report

Arts Commission

Item #: 24-119

Meeting Date: 04/04/2024

TITLE: APPROVAL OF UTILITY BOX ART PROGRAM

DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

PRESENTED BY: LAURETTE GARNER, ARTS SPECIALIST

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Arts Commission approve the redesign of a sponsorship utility box art, for Segerstrom Center for the Arts (Attachment 1).

#	Artwork By:	Box #	Location
1	Chris Alvarez*	23	Bristol St. & Sunflower Ave.

**Sponsorship Boxes: Segerstrom Center of the Arts*

BACKGROUND:

The City of Costa Mesa owns over 120 utility boxes at signalized intersections throughout the city and is dedicated to incorporating art into public spaces. A Utility Box Art Program was launched in early 2015 to spotlight a handful of utility boxes as beautiful art pieces. The City currently has over 50 utility art boxes that display artwork created by local artists, and 10 boxes designed by graphic designers from local businesses and nonprofit organizations.

On February 1, 2024, the Arts Commission reviewed 11 utility box art designs, approving nine (9) and requesting a redesign for the (2) two sponsorship applications. The Arts Commission specifically requested that the proposed Segerstrom Center for the Arts (SCFTA) designs be reworked to resemble artwork rather than advertisements.

At the March 7, 2024, Arts Commission meeting, the Arts Commission was presented with two new redesigns for utility boxes #8 and #23, for the SCFTA sponsorship utility boxes. The Commission approved the redesign for box #8 on Bristol Street and Town Center Drive and requested a second redesign of box #23 on Bristol Street and Sunflower Avenue.

ANALYSIS:

The Arts and Culture Division receives an annual budget for the Arts & Culture Master Plan implementation, which includes the Utility Art Box Program. The FY 2023-2024 budget allows for the installation of 11 new box designs.

Based on the direction provided by the Arts Commission at its March 7 meeting, Staff provided the Commission's feedback to SCFTA who has submitted a redesigned version of utility box #23 located at Bristol St. and Sunflower Ave. for the Commission's consideration and approval.

LEGAL REVIEW:

No legal review is required for this item.

FISCAL REVIEW:

The cost of installation will be funded by the FY 2023-2024 Adopted Budget under the Utility Box Art Program.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommend the Arts Commission review and approve one (1) sponsorship redesign from SCFTA for utility box #23 located at Bristol St. and Sunflower Ave.