


Agenda Report Reviewed by:
 City Manager: 

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
 CITY COUNCIL
 AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date: September 6, 2022
To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
From: Public Art Committee / Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director
Subject: Stipends for Sebastopol Community Sculpture Garden artists and Event / Budget Amendment
Recommendation: Approve Stipends
Funding: Currently Budgeted: _____ Yes ___X___ No _____ N/A
 Net General Fund Cost: \$0
 Net Art Fund Cost (203-21-02-4330): \$3,500

Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget (if applicable) AK (verified by Administrative Services Department)

INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE:

This is a request from the Public Art Committee to provide \$400 stipends to the artists' who's sculptures are on display at Ives Park until July 2023, and \$150 stipends for the Sebastopol Center for the Arts and Santa Rosa Youth Symphony group, both of with provided staff/equipment and/or services to support the grand opening event held on July 23, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

The Ives Park Community Sculpture Garden has been a major project initiative for the Sebastopol Public Art Committee (PAC) over the last couple of years. There are 8 sculptures which are on display until July of 2023. At that time, the PAC would issue a new call, as the sculpture garden is meant to be a rotating exhibit (art pieces are for sale if the artists elect, but must be displayed for the year). It recently culminated in the installation of the final sculptures and grant opening/ribbon cutting ceremony, which included partnership with the Sebastopol Center for the Arts/SebARTS, who provided use of their parking lot, equipment, and A/V support staff, and included the Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Chamber Ensemble.

DISCUSSION:

The PAC discussed and voted at their July 6, 2022 meeting to request authorization from City Council to offer each of the artists a \$400 stipend to support the artists and arts in Sonoma County (all artists are local), and also offer a \$150 stipend to both SebARTS and the youth ensemble for their participation and support.

GOALS:

This action supports the following City Council Goals and General Plan Actions:
 Goal 5.1.4 Enhance the use of the City of Sebastopol Committees, Commissions and Boards.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. However, if staff receives public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report, such

omments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, public comments may be offered during the public comment portion of the agenda item.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to schedule meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These stipends would be funded by the City's Art Fund (Special Revenue Fund 203, which is supported by developer fees in-lieu of providing required art on their development site (not the General Fund). A Budget Amendment resolution in the amount of \$3,500 is attached to this report.

The balance for this account is currently \$109,408, with \$45,000 committed/encumbered for the Ned Kahn art project (underway), for an unencumbered balance of approximately \$64,408.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Stipends and Approve the Resolution for Budget Amendment

Attachments: none

Budget Amendment Resolution

Community Sculpture Garden City newsletter article for Opening

RESOLUTION NUMBER: _____

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR COMMUNITY SCULPTURE GARDEN STIPENDS FROM THE ART IN LIEU FUND

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a Public Art Ordinance and maintains a Public Art In-Lieu Fund to support the integration of public art into both private and public development.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Public art helps make our City more livable and more visually stimulating. The experience of public art makes the public areas of buildings and their grounds more welcoming, it creates a deeper interaction with the places we visit, and in which we work and live. Public art illuminates the history of a community while it points to the City's aspirations for the future. A City rich in art encourages cultural tourism which brings in visitor revenues; and

WHEREAS, the adopted Ives Park Master Plan designates the area south of Calder Creek near High Street entry for a Sculpture Garden; and

WHERE, the Public Art Committee has committed significant time to plan and develop this area of the Park into a Community Sculpture Garden with City Council support; and

WHEREAS, the Public Art Committee developed a call for local artists to display their work for a period of one year, until July 23, 2023, at no cost to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Public Art Committee considered the submissions and selected artists for this display which City Council approved; and

WHEREAS, these art sculptures have been installed, and an Opening Ceremony was held on July 23, 2022 wherein Mayor Slayter dedicated the Community Sculpture Garden area, and the Public Art Committee and artists celebrated the opening of the Community Sculpture Garden with the public and with the valuable assistance of art partner Sebastopol Center for the Arts and music from the Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Chamber Music Ensemble ; and

WHEREAS, the Public Art Committee voted unanimously at its July 6, 2022 meeting to recommend stipends be provided to support the artists with sculptures displayed, and to support the Sebastopol Center for the Arts and music from the Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Chamber Music Ensemble for their assistance with the opening event; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered the request from the Public Art Committee at its September 6, 2022 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the funding source for the Public Art Fund in the adopted Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget does not have funding allocated to these stipends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sebastopol does hereby approve a budget amendment of \$3,500 to provide stipends for the Community Sculpture Garden

to provide \$400 stipends for the artists with work displayed, and \$150 stipends for the Sebastopol Center for the arts and Santa Rosa Youth Symphony group, both of with provided staff/equipment and/or services to support the grand opening event held on July 23, 2022. Funding will come from the Art In Lieu fund (Special Revenue Fund 203-21-02-4330) in the amount of \$3,500.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted at a meeting by the City Council on the 6th day of September, 2022, by the following vote:

VOTE:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

APPROVED: _____
Mayor Patrick Slayter

ATTEST: _____
Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
Larry McLaughlin, City Attorney

COMMUNITY SCULPTURE GARDEN OPENING CELEBRATION AT IVES PARK

On Saturday, July 23rd, the public gathered for the opening celebration of Sebastopol's Community Sculpture Garden at Ives Park. The event was hosted by the City of Sebastopol Public Arts Committee and the Sebastopol Center for the Arts. There were presentations, discussions with the artists, and a ribbon cutting by Mayor Patrick Slayter. The Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Chamber Music Ensemble played during the celebration.

The artists include Gordon Carter, Rose Gitlin, Beth Hartman, Briona Hendren, Rod Morgan, Josho Somine, and Jeffrey Zankel.

Selected sculptures in the CSG are available for purchase from the artists and will be available for pick-up after 7/23/2023, following their one year exhibit period.





Standing Alone, Together
Artist: Rod Morgan



Zephyra
Artist: Sculpture Jam (Jeffrey Zankel pictured)



Support Person #1
Artist: Beth Hartmann



Hands Up
Artist: Rose Gitlin



Us
Artist: Josho Somine



Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Chamber Music Ensemble