



Cultural Arts Commission Staff Report

Meeting Date: September 25th, 2023

To: Cultural Arts Commission

From: Planning Division

Subject: H3. Call for Visual Arts 2022 - Ruben Young (Ted Geene Storage container) - New Location (Ralph Welch Park)

Item Type: Discussion

Staff Update

Staff recommends to the Cultural Arts Commission to approve the change of location of Ruben Young's artwork from the Ted Greene Storage Container (owned by Ted Green Little League) to the Ralph Welch Storage Building (owned by the City of Pomona).

Background

At the Cultural Arts Commission meeting on August 8th, 2022 the Artist Ruben Young was approved for 6 murals. One of the murals was set to be located at Ted Greene Park on a storage container. This storage container was not owned by the City of Pomona, so Staff reached out to Ted Greene Little League who owned the storage container. The Ted Greene Little League initially signed an agreement in May 2023 for the artwork to be placed on their container, however on July 19th, 2023 a representative from the Little League notified Staff that they would need to find a new storage container due to vandalism. They informed Staff that due to the price of a storage container they could not give an accurate date of when they would have a new one and agreed that if they did not inform Staff by August 4th, 2023 of a new storage container, they would back out of receiving this artwork as the Artist's timeline for completion would be unknown. The Artist Ruben Young was informed of the situation and agreed to find a new location for his mural so that it may be completed.

Staff reached out to other Little Leagues in Pomona, however none were willing to take on the mural. Staff wanted to support keeping this mural depicting baseball motif at a park with a baseball league/field, so all parks with those qualifications were scouted. Staff came to the conclusion that the best fit would be at Ralph Welch Park, where multiple leagues use the Park, and on the same building that Ruben Young already has one mural on. The Artist was informed of this proposal and agreed that this would be the best fit for his artwork.

Original Location of Artwork

Below is the Artist's original rendering depicted on the Ted Greene Little League Storage:



Proposed Location of Artwork

Below is the new location proposed for the Artist's Artwork:

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City-owned storage building



RALPH WELCH PARK



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