



CITY OF POMONA

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

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To: Chair and Members of the Cultural Arts Commission Citizens Advisory Committee and the Chair and Members of the Cultural Arts Commission

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Subject: **Review of a Proposed Mosaic Mural for Mosaic Gardens at Pomona by LINC Housing, Located at 1680 South Garey Avenue (APN: 8328-002-022)**

SUMMARY

Recommendation – That the Cultural Arts Commission Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) review and approve, approve with conditions, or deny the proposed mosaic mural submitted by LINC Housing for Mosaic Gardens at Pomona apartments at 1680 South Garey Avenue (APN: 8328-002-022)

Previous Action – None

Fiscal Impact – No fiscal impact. The applicant will fully fund the artwork and installation.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the City of Pomona Art in Public Places Policy and Guidelines Manual and Ordinance, development projects meeting certain thresholds are required to fulfill Art in Public Places requirements. A developer with a project meeting the threshold have the option of contributing to a citywide Public Art Fee Fund, or providing public art on-site by following the Art in Public Places review process which includes the approval of the Cultural Arts Citizens Advisory Committee and the Cultural Arts Commission. The Mosaic Gardens at Pomona multi-family housing development by LINC Housing at 1680 South Garey Avenue meets the threshold for Art in Public Places requirement, and the applicant chose to provide public art on site. Therefore, the applicant submitted an application for Concept Design Plan (PUBART 7611-2017) for the Advisory Committee and Commissioner's review.

DISCUSSION

Mosaic Gardens at Pomona is a 46-unit, three-story affordable multi-family housing development that fronts onto Garey Avenue. The apartment complex is currently under

construction. There will be a handicap ramp along the front elevation of the building shielded by a four foot high wall, and the applicant's proposal is to embellish the wall with a mosaic tile mural. The wall is at a prominent location of the development and the mosaic mural, if approved by the Advisory Committee and the Commission, will be viewable from all vehicular and pedestrian traffic along Garey Avenue.

Two local artists will collaborate on this project. Artist Jason LaMotte has designed the sketch, and artist Alba Cisneros will apply a variety of mosaic tiles along with hand-painted fire ceramic clay pieces to the wall. Mr. LaMotte titled this piece "A Vision for Pomona" with the inspiration to depict various elements of Pomona's rich heritage on the mural. He did research on the City's history, significant buildings, landmarks, and personal stories. His design of the mural tells stories of Pomona's distant past and present-day identity. Following Mr. LaMotte's design of the mural, Ms. Alba Cisneros who is an experienced mosaic artist will work to produce the hand-painted glazed tiles needed, as well as the frames, substrates, tesserae, and other materials to bring the project to completion.

If the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Commission approve the proposed artwork, the applicant intends to move forward with the construction of the mosaic mural concurrent with the construction of the apartment complex with the goal to unveil the artwork at the grand opening of the apartment complex, which is scheduled for late 2017.

The applicant has submitted a complete Concept Design Plan application package that consists of artist information, narrative proposal, preliminary sketches, lighting plan, location of artwork, budget, material list, artwork valuation, and other pertinent information for the Commissioner and Advisory Committee's review.

Attachment:

1. AIPP Concept Design Plan submittal package from LINC Housing