

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE **October 20, 2025**

TO Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee

SUBJECT **Public Art Project: Forest Green Branch Library (Council District 10), MIREK STRUZIK, selected artist**

The City of Dallas Office of Arts and Culture

SUBJECT

Authorize a contract with MIREK STRUZIK as the selected artist for the fabrication and installation of a site-specific artwork at Forest Green Branch Library, Council District 10. The public art installation will be located at Forest Green Branch Library located at 9619 Greenville, Dallas, Texas 75243, Council District 10. Not to exceed \$105,000.00

Financing: 2003, 2006 and 2017 Library Proposition BP Funds.

BACKGROUND

The published scope of the project is to create highly visible, welcoming artwork for a library garden. The scope of the project is a site-specific installation of an artist designed and fabricated sculpture. This compelling artwork seeks engagement and to elicit curiosity from viewers of all ages through design and high visibility. The artwork must require little or no maintenance and be safe and appropriate for public outdoor work. It will enhance the City of Dallas Public Art Collection with diversity of style, scale, media, and artists, including ethnicity and gender.

ARTIST BACKGROUND

Mirek Struzik graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts in Wroclaw majoring in sculpture, painting and graphics. After working for eight years in design studios and patenting several of his inventions, he gained a Master of Fine Arts degree. His expertise and experience in the public art field is vast: Over the past 10 years he has been commissioned for public art installations in College Station Texas, Taiwan, Sweden, Switzerland, San Mateo, California, France, Kirkland, Washington, South Korea, United Arab Emirates and Turkey.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The artwork "Fruits of Knowledge" will be installed facing the corner of Greenville Avenue and the library access road. The artwork will create an outdoor landmark to support the library programming and spark the curiosity of by passers and patrons alike. What made this proposal competitive was the changing and programmable LED lights that can be

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adjusted to holiday or team colors as desired. The LED lights also ensure high visibility at night. This piece also includes a strong community engagement component that involves a short story writing contest, and the best stories will be read at story time with the first choice being published on the artist's website next to the artwork.

Fruits of Knowledge adds one more tree shape to the existing mature tree canopy at Forest Green Branch Library, complementing and interacting with the existing natural landscaping and architecture of the building. At night the whole tree canopy will light up with the glow of Fruits of Wisdom. A seating area for holding story times or simply to enjoy the outdoor setting is considered as part of the concept as well. A relationship between the community, seeds of knowledge planted by the library, and nature is being formed. A relaxing space for contemplation and reading is being created.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

City Council Award	October 2025
Contract Award	Winter 2025/2026
Complete Installation	Spring/Summer 2027

FUNDING INFORMATION

2003, 2006 and 2017 Library Proposition BP Funds. \$105,000.00

SELECTION METHOD

Artist's Open Call via CodaWORX (codaworx.org) for artist qualifications to include professional artwork portfolio and ability to execute the scope of the artwork on time and on budget. Artist teams and local artists were encouraged to apply. Community feedback obtained through interviews, surveys, community meetings and office hours were part of the RFQ and instructions to the shortlisted artists.

On July 31, 2025, the final selection panel selected Mirek Struzik's Fruit of Knowledge after reviewing all shortlisted artists' design proposals. All Public Art project scope items have been carefully considered and adhered to as well as City of Dallas Public Art policies.

Selection panels were held on June 5, 2025 and July 31, 2025 after three rounds of online jurying.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On January 9, 2018, the Public Art Committee was briefed.

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On February 1, 2018, the Park and Recreation Board approved the Public Art Projects list for the 2017 Bond Program.

On June 7, 2018, the Park and Recreation Board approved revisions to the Public Art Projects list for the 2017 Bond Program.

On August 5, 2025, the Public Art Committee recommended this project.

On August 21, 2025, the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission recommended this project.

FISCAL INFORMATION

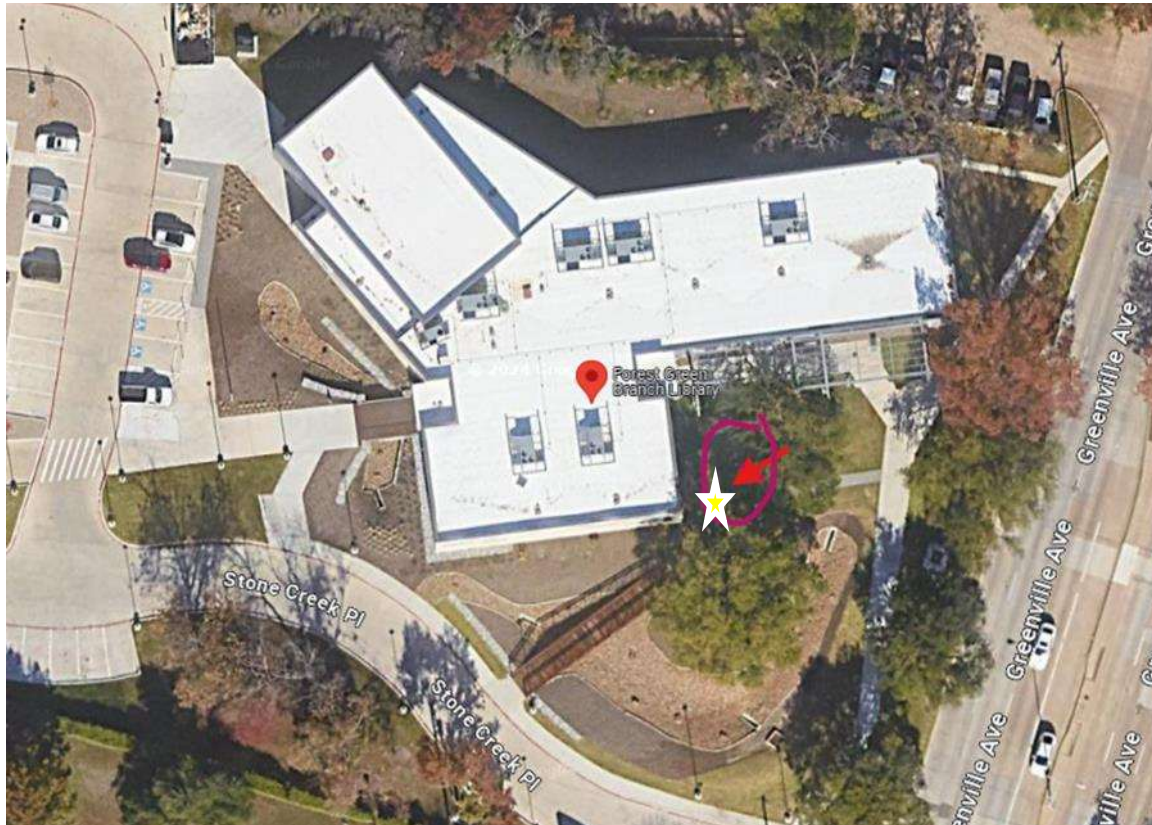
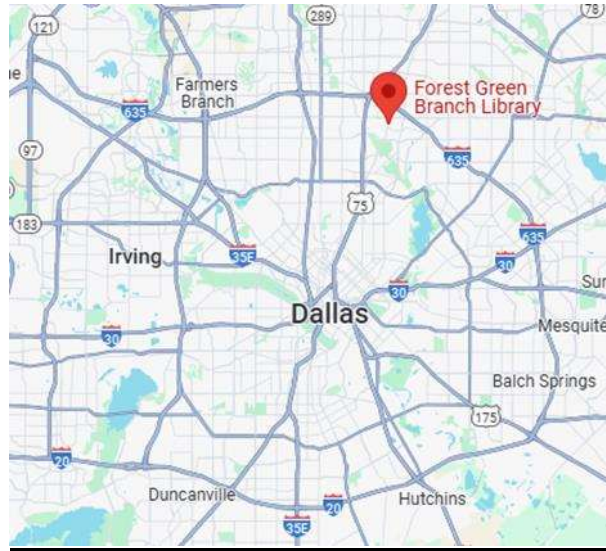
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MAP

Location
Image of Design Concepts
Public Art Process

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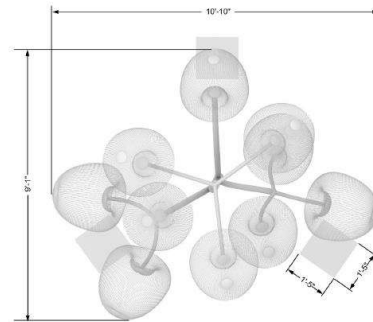
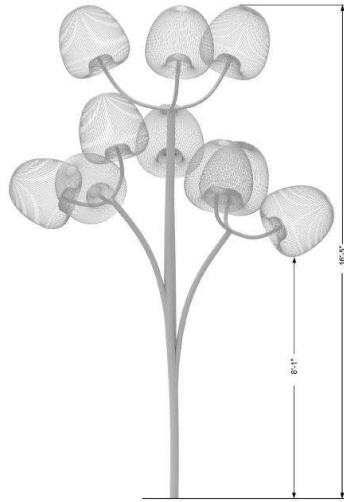
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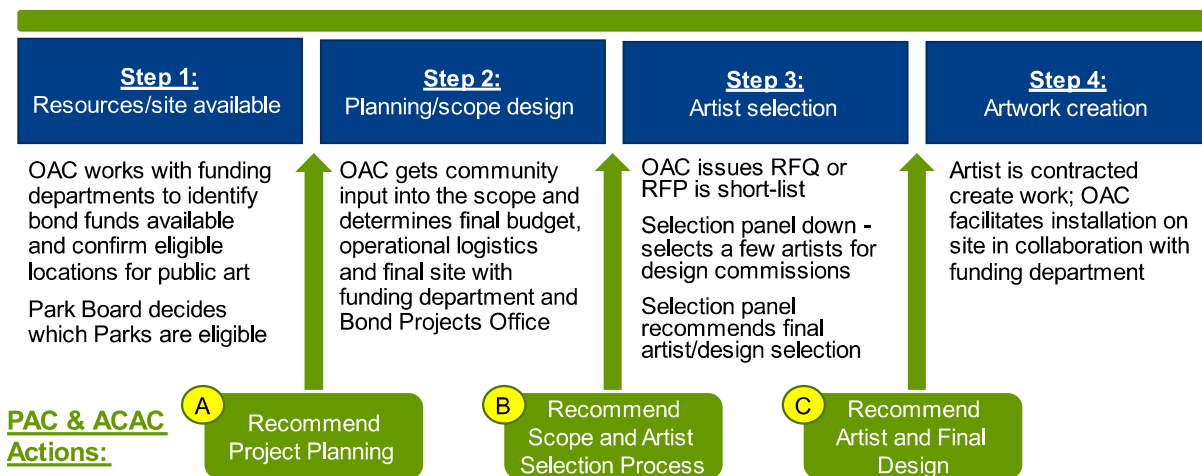


Fruits of Knowledge

Dimensions



Overview: Creation of new Public Art piece



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Please contact me or the Director of Arts and Culture, Martine Philippe, with any questions.

Sincerely,



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