



# MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda  
Item No. VII.Q.  
12/6/2016

## The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: James D. Couch, City Manager

Resolution authorizing negotiation of an agreement with Jay Warren in an amount not to exceed \$170,000 for a monument commemorating the service of American and South Vietnamese soldiers during the Vietnam War, to be placed in Military Park, 1200 NW 25th Street. Ward 2.

**Purpose** Authorize staff to negotiate an agreement with Jay Warren for a Vietnam War monument for Military Park.

**Background** On March 1, 2016 (Item No. VII.K.) City Council entered into a Joint Public Art Agreement with the Vietnamese American Community of Oklahoma City and Metropolitan Areas (VAC) to donate \$210,000 for a monument and flag plaza commemorating the service of American and Vietnamese soldiers during the Vietnam war to coincide with the renovation of Military Park.

On May 31, 2016 (Item No VII.Q.), City Council authorized the advertisement of a Call to Artists for the design, purchase, transport and installation of the monument.

A representative body of stakeholders was involved in the art selection process to ensure broad input and support of the monument's design, with representatives of the VAC, Parks Department and Parks Commission, Arts Commission, and Oklahoma Vietnam Veterans organizations. The twelve member committee convened on July 15, 2016 to evaluate twenty-nine submissions from artists in sixteen states. The committee short-listed three finalists based on the selection criteria.

The three finalists participated in a mandatory site tour on August 22, 2016. Each prepared a site specific, Conceptual Design Report which they presented to the Selection Committee on September 19, 2016. The Selection Committee evaluated each artists' Conceptual Design Report and based on the results of the committee's evaluation, it was determined that the report presented by Jay Warren best met the goals for the project.

The VAC Board of Directors met on October 9, 2016 and approved the Selection Committee's recommendation.

The Arts Commission reviewed the Selection Committee's recommendation at a regularly scheduled meeting on October 17, 2016 (Item No. VII) and concurred with the committee's recommendation.

The Parks Commission reviewed the proposed monument design on October 19, 2016 (Item No. VI.), and approved its placement in Military Park.

Cost Not to exceed \$170,000

Source of Funds OCITY-750-1666-2407000-PWDGP-B0705060004 -54130005  
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Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.