



City of Broken Arrow

Request for Action

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**Broken Arrow City Council
Meeting of: 11-05-2018**

Title:

Consideration, discussion, and possible approval to proceed with development of construction documents for Phase 1 of the Creative Arts Center project

Background:

In 2008, Broken Arrow residents approved \$1,400,000 to purchase land and an existing building to be used for a community arts center. The facility originally contemplated for acquisition was owned by the Broken Arrow Public Schools (BAPS). Following the election, BAPS' representatives decided to retain the building for use by the District instead of sell it to the city. On August 26, 2014, City representatives submitted to the voters a question authorizing to repurpose the original General Obligation Bond Proposition in order to change the location to downtown Broken Arrow and to make it primarily for acquisition of land and use of any remaining funds for construction of a building to house the arts center.

Voters approved repurposing of the prior bond authorization. The proposed plan is to build a creative arts center in the Rose District, so that residents may create and display their art. The Regional Arts Alliance of Broken Arrow (**ArtsOK**) proposed a Center for Arts, Innovation and Creativity to be located at the old site of AVB's (formerly Arkansas Valley State Bank) downtown Broken Arrow branch located at the southwest corner of Dallas and Main Street. Construction funding is available through \$2.6 million of Vision 2025 surplus funding for a total project amount of \$4,000,000.

The President of AVB, Mr. Ted Cundiff, confirmed that AVB has committed to survey the property located at the southwest corner of Dallas and Main Street, demolish the existing building and old drive-thru, and donate the land through a deed after the demolition is complete. Furthermore, AVB has also committed to provide \$200,000 on an annual basis, \$100,000 from AVB and \$100,000 from Ms. Kelley Rash, for a term of ten (10) years which totals \$2,000,000.00 over that time frame.

ArtsOK has committed to oversee the daily management and operations of the facility. Thru the fundraising efforts of the Executive Director of ArtsOK, Mr. Mark Frie, an additional \$1,500,000 has been pledged for the first three (3) years of operations and an additional \$1,400,000 pledged in years 4 through 10 of operations. The total amount pledged during the first ten (10) years equates to \$2,980,000.00.

With the approval of this request the staff will begin negotiations of a professional design contract with Selser Schafer Architects, the professional firm who performed the concept

Cost: **Unknown**

Funding Source: **2014 Re-appropriated General Obligation Bond**

Requested By: Lori Hill, Tourism Director

Approved By: Michael L. Spurgeon, City Manager

Attachments: ArtsOK Funding Commitment for Creative Arts Center Project

Recommendation:

Approval to proceed with development of construction documents for Phase 1 of the Creative Arts Center Projects.