

Worksession

Agenda Item #	3
Meeting Date	February 2, 2009
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Discussion Item	Community Center Mosaic Project - Status Report
Background	<p>The Council will be provided a status report on the Takoma Mosaic Project. Funded in part with a \$20,000 grant from the City of Takoma Park, the project provides for the creation and installation of a mosaic at the Takoma Park Community Center – Sam Abbott Citizen’s Center.</p> <p>Attending the meeting will be Alice Sims and Laurie Stepp, who are coordinating the project, and mosaic artist Arturo Ho. They will report on the steps that have been taken to engage the community in the development of the mosaic, present preliminary design concepts and provide information on its planned installation.</p> <p>Additional information can be found online at the projects website http://www.takomamosaic.org/work5.html</p>
Policy	<p>“To expand public awareness of, involvement in, and access to the arts and arts opportunities and to create an environment which promotes interaction, dialogue, discussion and lasting relationships between artists and the public.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Takoma Park Ordinance 2003-01</i></p>
Fiscal Impact	FY09 Budget \$20,000
Attachments	Takoma Mosaic Status Report (September - December 2008)
Recommendation	No action is required on this item
Special Consideration	None

Progress Report: Takoma Park Mosaic Project

For the Takoma Foundation and the City of Takoma Park

By Art for the People, Inc (AFTP)

September 1 through December 31, 2008

We have spent the fall planning and publicizing the project, gathering community input to assist us in the design of the mural, and sponsoring events such as educational meetings and classes. We have invited the community to give us their ideas at these events and through the project web site, blog, mailing list and written surveys. Posters, postcards, flyers and press releases to publicize the project are created on a regular basis. Project-sponsored events have included:

- Two community meetings at the Takoma Park Community Center with over 40 people in attendance at the first and over 50 at the second. At those meetings we presented a slide exhibit about the history of mosaic and had a technical overview by speakers from the American Museum of Visionary Art (AMVA) of Baltimore. There was open discussion, and surveys were distributed to solicit theme ideas.
- Three classes at Piney Branch Middle School with ESOL children. These classes, by mosaic artist, Arturo Ho, were focused on mural design.
- Class with IMPACT Silver Spring, a multi-cultural organization, on paper mosaics.
- Class with Downs Syndrome Association of young adults, on paper mosaics.
- Table at Takoma Park Holiday Fair with surveys and drawing materials
- Participation at Takoma Park Street Festival and Arts and Humanities Day. We introduced the Mosaic Project and solicited ideas with paper mosaics, surveys and drawing materials. .

Laurie Stepp has created a project website (at www.takomamosaic.org), along with a blog, an email list and regular newsletters to keep the community updated. There are over 400 people on the email list. Laurie has photographed people and materials and uses the website to provide continued documentation. The blog has been set up to encourage people to show their work and to discuss the project. Also, Alice has met with Vista ESOL Program at Montgomery College and Arturo has met with Langley Park Multicultural Youth to introduce the mosaic project and invite participation.

Alice Sims has met with three contractors to get general pricing information about the installation of the mural. Also, we have obtained expert advice concerning installation from AVAM staff persons, Joe Wall and Bonnie Bonnell, who made presentations, discussed process and materials and answered our questions. AVAM has been helpful and generous with specifics about construction, installation, materials and general enthusiasm.

Tiles and glass have been donated to the project by individuals, tile stores and a glass studio. Arturo Ho has been picking up and storing these donated supplies.

Takoma Park Mosaic Project - Expenses and Liabilities as of Dec 31, 2008*

	Budgeted	Actual	In-kind donation
Mural design and construction			
Artistic director - Aturo Ho	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Assistant artist	\$ 1,000.00		
Art supplies: Durock boards, tiles, adhesive, groat, paint, tools, misc.	\$ 3,000.00		
Other supplies: tools, gloves, goggles, dust masks	\$ 1,000.00		
Subtotal:	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Mural installation			
Supplies: rust proof bolts & misc. materials	\$ 500.00		
Expert advise	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 400.00	
Installation contractor	\$ 9,000.00		
Subtotal:	\$ 10,850.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
Community education and outreach			
Project Co-Director - Communication - Laurie Stepp: website, blog, documentation, etc (@ \$50 per hour)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,000
Refreshments and supplies for volunteers	\$ 500.00		
Five community art classes, each 2 hours in length - lead teacher (@ \$50 per hour) example: paper mosaics for children	\$ 500.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 350.00
Five community art classes - assistant teacher (@ \$25 per hour)	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 350.00
Five community art classes - supplies	\$ 250.00		
Community projects	\$ 1,000.00		
Five training workshops for mosaic volunteers, each 2 hours in length - lead teacher (@\$50 per hour)	\$ 500.00		
Five training workshops - assistant teacher (@\$25 per hour)	\$ 250.00		
Five training workshops - supplies	\$ 250.00		
Subtotal:	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 7,700
Administrative			
Project Co-Director - Administration - Alice Sims: management and oversight (@ \$50 per hour)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 8,000
Insurance	\$ 400.00		
Miscellaneous administrative expenses: bookkeeping, record keeping, computer expenses, office supplies	\$ 2,000.00		
Subtotal:	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 8,000
Contingencies			
	\$ 1,250.00		
Subtotal:	\$ 1,250.00		\$ -
Total:	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 15,700

*Note: Draft amounts subject to AFTP accounting review