

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** City Commission

**FROM:** David Arnado - Facilities Superintendent  
Max Ziegler - Facilities Assistant Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Authorize the City Manager to sign a Percent for Art Agreement with The Designosaur for Swim Center Interior Mural

**MEETING DATE:** February 4, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** Agreement - Vendor/Contract

**RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize the City Manager to sign a Percent for Art Agreement with The Designosaur for Swim Center Interior Mural

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** 5.2 Support for Public Art: Encourage and support partnerships for public art and other arts and cultural initiatives in the city.

**BACKGROUND:** On November 10, 2020, the Bozeman City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2056, an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Bozeman, Montana establishing a percent for art program. This ordinance was passed in support of the Bozeman Strategic Plan section 5.2 - Support for Public Art, which called for the creation of a municipal percent for arts program. Percent for Art programs have been widely adopted by governments to support the public arts, requiring the inclusion of art in publicly funded construction projects by setting aside 1% of the construction budget for the purchase and installation of art.

The renovation of the Swim Center is the third project eligible for the Percent for Art program since it was adopted, and from the start architectural plans were designed to include and prominently display public art. For this project it was determined that an interior vinyl mural would be most appropriate for this site, with the interior north wall designated as the installation location.

To assist the City in establishing the processes and procedures for enacting the Percent for Art Program, it was decided to contract a professional art consultant. NINE dot ARTS was selected through a competitive public RFQ process, and worked with the Swim Center project team to identify the goals, typology and intents for the art installation. After working with the team to distill a description of the desired art, NINE dot ARTS published a Request for Qualifications which was distributed publicly and throughout the local community.

The RFQ responses were scored based on the established project criteria, and the top submitting artists were asked to provide a proposal for murals. The proposals were evaluated by the project's art selection committee, and the submission by The Designosaur (Julia Williams) was selected as being the most appropriate mural for the location.

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** None at this time.

**ALTERNATIVES:** As suggested by City Commission.

**FISCAL EFFECTS:** This Percent for Art Agreement will incur a fixed cost of \$6,600 to be paid from the Swim Center Renovation project fund.

Attachments:

[Percent for Art Agreement - Designosaur Inc.pdf](#)

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