



Agenda Item Report

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ITEM TITLE: Deliberation and possible action regarding a mural on the north side of Inspired Minds Art Center located at 121 Main Street in Downtown

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City Manager is requesting that the Arts Commission take formal action to approve or deny the final mural design proposed for the north wall of the Inspired Minds Art Center (IMAC), located at 121 Main Street within the proposed Cultural Arts District. The Arts Commission has the authority to approve and/or recommend for approval artwork installed on public facilities.

The initial draft of the mural mockup was received in early October, following the original mural partnership proposal reviewed in September 2025. Due to delays in the design phase, the selected artist will not be able to complete the mural until 2026. Staff does not recommend developing or negotiating any work schedule or installation timeline until a final design is approved by the Arts Commission. The project timeline will be fully outlined in the contract and presented in a future staff report once the agreement is executed by both the City Manager and the artist.

2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Inspired Minds Art Center previously requested a partnership with the City of Buda to install a mural on the north-facing wall of the City-owned building. As noted in the September 3, 2025 agenda report, the mural would be City property and funded by the City. Inspired Minds solicited bids from local artists, ultimately selecting artist Jaz Davis based on artistic style, outdoor mural experience, and familiarity with scaffolding requirements. A preliminary project framework estimated a six-week installation period and required a \$1,500 design fee before work could begin.

IMAC mural proposal.

Since then, the artist has provided an initial mockup in early October. However, the design process extended past the original expected schedule. As a result, the artist is no longer available to complete the mural in the current fiscal year and has stated that installation cannot begin until 2026.

3. ANALYSIS

Because the mural is to be installed on a City-owned facility, the Arts Commission must approve the final design draft before any work can proceed. While preliminary materials have been shared, staff recommends delaying discussions on scheduling, scaffolding,

installation logistics, or contractual milestones until the final design is reviewed and formally approved.

Once approval is granted, staff will finalize the contract, which will include a detailed project timeline and deliverable schedule. After the contract is fully executed, staff will return to the Arts Commission with an updated installation timeline as part of the regular staff report process.

This approach ensures that no premature commitments are made that could conflict with the artist's updated 2026 availability and ensures all expectations are documented clearly in the agreement.

4. FINANCIAL IMPACT

As provided in the original proposal, the total cost of the mural project is \$11,250.

IMAC mural proposal.



A \$1,500 design fee is required before the artist begins work. The remainder of project costs will be payable according to the finalized contract schedule once the installation timeline is confirmed.

Funds are now allocated in FY26, and staff will confirm any adjustments needed if the installation timeline shifts into the next fiscal cycle.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS

HISTORIC AND VIBRANT DOWNTOWN

6. STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES

Cultural Arts District

7. PROS AND CONS

N/A

8. ALTERNATIVES

- Approve the final design as presented and allow staff to proceed with contract development and scheduling.
- Deny the final design, requiring Inspired Minds and the artist to submit a revised proposal.
- Table the item and request additional design revisions and/or clarifications, incorporating specific Arts Commission feedback to be considered at a future Arts Commission meeting

9. REQUESTED ACTION / SUGGESTED MOTION / RECOMMENDATION

N/A

Attachments:

[Mural_IMAC_Jaz Davis.pdf](#)