



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: San Antonio Arts Commission

DEPARTMENT: Department of Arts and Culture

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Krystal Jones

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 2

SUBJECT:

MLK Park Installation

SUMMARY:

Staff is presenting the installation completion of public art at MLK Park.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In December 2021, the Department of Arts & Culture installed Spheres of Reflection by local artist Kaldric Dow at Martin Luther King Park. Spheres of Reflection is a sculpture paying homage to the representation of African American culture, depicting an ambiguous face – making the character universal and interpretive at the same time. The face is topped by a cylindrical tower of dark, reflective spheres symbolic of hair. The representation of natural hair seen in the piece is significant because of the connection between hair and cultural identity. The bottom layers of spheres feature several key words commonly used by Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in his speeches and writings. The words are dream, sincerity, bold, desire, brave, unity, gratitude,

accountability, devotion and change. The inclusion of such terms invites the viewer to think about King's teachings.

ISSUE:

MLK Park Installation is a briefing item. No action is needed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Project funding was supported by 1% of capital improvement projects through the 2017 Bond, Parks Proposition.

ALTERNATIVES:

Briefing item only.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is briefing on project completion. No action is needed.