CALL FOR ARTISTS

Somersett West Park
Reno, Nevada

Deadline: January 31, 2022 at 11:59 pm PST

The Reno Arts & Culture Commission (RACC) is seeking proposals from artists for a public art opportunity in Somersett West Park in Reno, NV. Artists working in the United States and who have experience designing projects with a similar budget and scope are encouraged to apply.

Project Description:
The Reno Arts & Culture Commission is looking for an artist/artist team to design and create art for Somersett West Park in the Somersett planned community. Somersett West Park was completed in June of 2020.

The goals for the project include: creating a unique character for a specific area of town, increasing public awareness of art, enhancing the park space, and broadening visitors’ perspectives of public spaces within the City.

The artist(s) selected should have demonstrated experience working in public locations subject to vandalism and weather. Please note this area is subject to high winds.

RACC seeks artists with public art experience. The $30,000 commission will cover all services from design through final installation/implementation, including artist fee, fabrication, insurance, transportation, travel fees, and installation.

Final selection of one artist or team will be made by the PAC, RACC, and stakeholders based on proposal and qualifications. This project is funded by the 2% for Public Art Ordinance/Public Art Fund.

Budget:
Projected budget is $30,000 for the entire project.
This budget is inclusive of all costs associated with the design, planning, fabrication, installation, and completion of the project. The budget includes all travel costs and insurance. The City will assist with installation logistics.

**General Area:**
Somersett West Park is located on the northwest side of the Somersett planned community development. It is located on a hill overlooking Somersett and beyond to the foothills west of Reno. The park has traditional park features including a large grassy area, a playground, and a covered pavilion as well as a community garden area with raised beds and a dog park. The park connects to local hiking trails as well. Possible locations for artwork include the plaza space at the entrance to the park or along the edge of the large grassy field (see images below). The artwork can consist of one larger piece or several smaller pieces throughout the park.

The local residents came up with the following words and phrases to describe the park and its overall feel, uses, and users:

- Families/People of all sorts/Community
- Gather/Meander/Play/Sit/Relax/Peaceful
- Nature/Mountains/Blue Sky/Views/Breeze
- Dogs/Romp/Roam
- Plant/Grow/Flourish

**Location:** [Link to Google Maps](#)

**Submission Requirements:**

1. **Resume or CV:** Current professional resume or curriculum vitae (CV), detailing professional artistic accomplishments and references from past public art projects, including artist address, email, and phone number.
2. **Digital Images:** 5 digital images of previously completed artwork. Include image list with date, size, location, and description of work.
   a. Images must be labeled and numbered according to image list
3. **Proposed project:** Detailed written description of proposed design for artwork, including materials and project approach plus visual sketch or rendering of proposed project.
The Artist Selection Process:
- Artists/teams submit qualifications, past work examples, and a proposal online through Submittable (see below).
- The Public Art Committee, with input from the Somersett Owners Association and residents, and RACC will recommend an artist/artist team for the commission.
- City Council will make the final approval of the selected artist/team.

Timeline:
January 31, 2022 - Submission due online at 11:59 pm PST
March 2022 - One artist/team selected for commission
Summer/Fall 2022 - Artwork installation

How to Submit Your Qualifications:
Submit images of past work, resume, proposal and biographical information in Submittable at:
https://cityofrenoartscultureandevents.submittable.com/submit/207507/call-for-artists-somersett-west-park

For more information about City of Reno programs, visit www.RenoCulture.com. For questions on submitting through Submittable, please contact Submittable Support Team. For questions regarding the call, please contact City of Reno Public Art Program Coordinator, Megan Berner, at bernerm@reno.gov or (775) 326-6333.