

City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 11/8/23

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Doug Thornley, City Manager **Approved Electronically**

FROM: Megan Berner, Arts & Culture Manager

SUBJECT: Moana Springs Public Art Community Engagement

On September 18, 2023, the Reno Arts & Culture Commission (RACC) approved the Public Art Committee's (PAC) recommendation of five finalist artists to move forward in the Moana Springs Public Art process. The finalist artists include Volkan Alkanoglu, Douwe Blumberg, Ben Butler, Michele Gutlove, and Ray King. The PAC and RACC took into consideration aesthetics, the type and range of work (wall pieces, outdoor installations, sculptures, lighting, etc.) as there are multiple locations available to program artwork. They also took into consideration past completed projects of similar scope and scale, history of collaborating with staff and construction teams, and the artists' interest and willingness to engage with the community.

The finalists will be visiting Reno on Tuesday, November 28th to do a site visit, meet with City staff and relevant contractors, and to conduct in-person engagement sessions. The public, Reno Arts & Culture Commission, Public Art Committee, and City Council are invited to attend an engagement session from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) located at 604 W Moana Lane, #120, Reno, NV 89509. The artists will each give a short presentation of their past work and community engagement approaches and artistic style. At the end of each presentation, there will be time for Q&A with each artist. There will also be open discussion at the end of the presentations to gather feedback on themes and preferences from the community in terms of what visual concepts and ideas they would like to see incorporated into the artwork. The artists will take this information and use it as inspiration and guidance in creating a preliminary design proposal for the artwork. There will be further opportunities for the public to give input as the designs are developed via online surveys and meetings.

The remaining process and proposed timeline for the Moana Springs public art is outlined below:

- November/December 2023: Finalists will be given the opportunity to interact with stakeholders and the public in a series of engagement sessions.

- February 2024: Artist/artist team/artists selected for Moana Springs public art commissions.
- February – March 2024: Artist/artist team/artists will work with staff, community, Council, architect, and contractor to design artwork via stakeholder meetings.
- March - August 2024: Artwork is fabricated and installed in coordination with construction. The goal is to have all artwork installed upon completion of construction and opening of the facility.

The site map below shows potential locations for artwork as identified by Public Works and Arts & Culture Staff (indicated with red outlines and text identification).

