



Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item – {{section.number}}.B.

City Council Meeting
May 8, 2023



Strategic Priority 3: Shared Sense of Community

Foster equitable opportunities that help residents feel at home and connected in their community and empowered to live their best lives.



Strategic Priority 4: Quality of Life

Ensure that Westminster offers a diverse range of amenities and activities for residents, businesses and visitors that honor the city's history and support the arts, parks, recreation, open spaces, and libraries.

Subject: Recognition of Students of Westminster Public Schools for Their Art Works for the City's Artistic Traffic Box Wrap Project

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Recommended City Council Action:

Councillor Emmons to present the proclamation of appreciation recognizing the 53 students of Westminster Public Schools for their art work culminating in 15 designs to be used for the City's artistic traffic box wrap project.

Summary Statement:

To enhance the City's built environment, Community Development staff identified opportunities to install artistic vinyl wraps on 15 existing traffic boxes. Staff from the Community Development and Parks, Recreation and Libraries Departments established a partnership with Westminster Public Schools for the implementation of this project that included management of the art creation and curation process.

Over the winter months, faculty and staff with Westminster Public Schools worked with students from grades one through 12 to develop designs. In late March, 15 designs were selected as a result of a robust review process that included staff and faculty from Westminster Public Schools, City Officials and Staff, and community representatives.

The Mayor and City Council are requested to recognize the hard work and dedication of the staff, faculty, and students of Westminster Public Schools in producing these vibrant and unique works of

art.

Fiscal Impact:

\$0 in expenditures

Source of Funds:

Not applicable.

Policy Issue(s):

Not applicable.

Alternative(s):

Not applicable.

Background Information:

In late 2022, City Staff identified the opportunity to install 15 artistic traffic box wraps. City Staff established a partnership with Westminster Public Schools that resulted in the creation of vibrant works of art to be included in this project. The works of art that have been selected exhibit the skill and passion of these young, emerging artists who are all students of the Westminster Public School system. The 15 selections are attached to this memo.

Students and faculty from the following schools participated in this project:

- Colorado STEM Academy
- Josephine Hodgkins Leadership Academy
- Mesa Elementary
- Shaw Heights Middle School
- Westminster High School

The 53 students who participated in this project will receive certificates of appreciation in addition to the recognition through the proclamation at the City Council meeting.

Recognition of the student artists meets the City's Strategic Plan goal of Shared Sense of Community by providing a community-oriented program that makes Westminster unique and provides a strong sense of community. Recognition of the student artists also meets the City's Strategic Plan goal of Quality of Life by using arts and culture to enrich our community and celebrate diversity.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

Proclamation of Appreciation for the Artistic Traffic Box Project Participants
Attachment A – Traffic Box Wraps – Final Selections & List of Artists

