



Town of Yountville

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Staff Report

Item #: A

Yountville Arts Commission Staff Report

DATE: August 5, 2024

TO: Yountville Arts Commission

FROM: Ronda Schaer, Chair

SUBJECT:

Review and Approval of Art Walk Sculpture Application from Elizabeth Laul Healey for "Rocky The Watch Dog" Sculpture

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

The Art Walk Subcommittee has received an application from artist Elizabeth Laul Healey for a sculpture titled ROCKY THE WATCH DOG for the Yountville Art Walk. The Subcommittee found the sculpture to be a good fit for our Art Walk and is bringing it forward for formal approval by the Commission.

ROCKY is a 7 Foot x 40 inch wide tall mosaic sculpture of a dog composed of fiberglass, mirrors, glass, gemstones, tiles and foam. The sculpture is valued at \$96,000. Similar in nature to the sculpture that came through Town a few months back on its way to Sonoma, Rocky sends a message of positivity with the words "Never Give Up" on his chest. The circles represent the artists "circle of life" series which was started when her mother was dying of breast cancer at the same time her daughter was born. The circles serve as a reminder not only the cherish our loved ones who have passed, but to remember to love and enjoy our friends, family and community while we are lucky enough to have them.

Elizabeth grew up in Laguna Beach, California and she is self taught artist for the past 25 years. Elizabeth has made over 300 life sized dog sculptures and during the global pandemic Elizabeth decided she wanted to go big with the dogs and her message of positivity, hence the message on Rocky's chest. Her work has been shown in art galleries and fairs across the United States and has been collected by major institutions like 20th Century Fox and high profile museum board members for the SFMOMA and LA MOCA.

At the time of the staff report preparation, several sites were being reviewed for placement of the sculpture on the Art Walk. The Subcommittee will make the final recommendation.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes

Is it Currently Budgeted? Yes

Where is it Budgeted? Art Walk Fund 23

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Is there a Staff Resource Impact? Nominal

RECOMMENDATION

Receive report and direct questions to subcommittee.

Receive public comment.

Conduct discussion.

Motion and second to approve the sculpture titled ROCKY THE WATCH DOG by artist Elizabeth Laul Healey for placement on the Yountville Art Walk for a two year term.