

Town of Yountville

Resolution Number 20-3986

Approving the Design and Acquisition of the Permanent Yountville Art Walk Sculpture in Recognition of Yountville Elementary School, Approving the Location of the Sculpture and Allocating not to exceed funding of \$10,000

Recitals

- A. The Napa Valley Unified School District (NVUSD) has announced the permanent closure of Yountville Elementary School at the end of the June 2020. With the upcoming closure of Yountville Elementary School, the school administration and Parent-Teacher Association reached out to Yountville Arts with the idea of placing a permanent piece of art on the Art Walk to memorialize the school.
- B. Per Town Council policies, the Town Council approval is required for all permanent sculpture installations.
- C. The Council received a presentation on January 7, 2020 and provided feedback to move forward with the project and create an Ad-Hoc Committee to explore design and a site for the sculpture.
- D. The Ad-Hoc Committee was created and on January 21, 2020 the Council appointed Council Members Dorenbecher and Durham to the Committee. Yountville Arts appointed Ronda Schaer and Kimberly Cook and the school appointed Principal Tara Bianchi, Teacher Debbie Simpkins and past parent and community member Jennifer Carvalho to the Committee.
- E. The Committee had three productive meetings and brought forward a concept to the Yountville Arts Commission on March 2, 2020. The Commission provided valuable feedback to the draft design. A revised concept was brought forward to the Yountville Arts Commission at the April 6, 2020 meeting and was approved unanimously.
- F. The concept is comprised of a sculpture of an open book designed by artist Richard Starks. The sculpture will be completed with additional powder coating, handprints and lettering. The importance and significance of the handprints is key to project as it resembles the handprints from each graduating class that have adorned the exterior walls of the school for decades.
- G. Along with the sculpture, the Ad Hoc Committee is working on an interpretive panel that would be placed near the sculpture installation. The panel would describe the history of the school, the significance of the handprints and if sited at Town Hall, the connection to it being one of the original Yountville Schools. The actual handprints captured by a professional photographer to incorporate some of those images into the design. The interpretive panel content is being worked on collaboratively by Town staff, representatives from the school and local historians.
- H. The Ad Hoc Committee recommendation is to locate the permanent sculpture on the vacant pad in front of Town Hall in recognition that Town Hall was previously home to Yountville Elementary School and is on the National Historic Register.
- I. The Town Council had previously indicated that it would support making a financial contribution to the sculpture project and a not to exceed amount of \$10,000 is requested to contribute to funding already provided by the Yountville PTA, Yountville Arts Fund and Yountville Kiwanis Club.

Now therefore, the Town Council of the Town of Yountville does resolve as follows:

1. Approve the design concept for the sculpture as outlined in the recitals and staff report.
2. Approve locating the permanent sculpture on the vacant pad in front of Town Hall.
3. Approve funding in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 towards the project from General Fund 1015 – Community Promotions and Programs.
4. The Resolution is hereby adopted and becomes effective and in full force immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Yountville, State of California, held on this 5th day of May, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

John F. Dunbar, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Dahme, CMC
Town Clerk