

From: Jim Gallagher <jimgallagher@usa.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 10:43 AM

To: Calendar Arts <arts@carlsbadca.gov>

Subject: Input: Vertrans Memorial Park public art - MGA Sculpture Studio

Dear Cultural Arts Office & Team:

Congratulations on presiding over the comprehensive and inclusive process of selecting a sculpture for our Veterans Memorial Park. Each and every one of the four finalists you selected are extremely gifted and impressive in the work they created. I looked carefully at each of the proposals and made notes about what I liked and disliked for each portfolio.

In the end, MGA Sculpture Studio was the clear winner for me. The use of metal / stainless steel in such a diverse manner as displayed by all the pieces in the proposal gave me confidence that MGA would work very well with your team to create a very special and meaningful piece for our park. For example "Tip of the Spear" and "First Flight" are my two favorites however each piece of art was well intended and a purposeful display of respect through art.

Thank you and keep up the great work!

Jim Gallagher

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From: Jamie Bolane <jamiebolane@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 10:08 PM
To: Calendar Arts <arts@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: Memorial Park Art selection

I like the innovative approach of the Living Lenses submission. Their reflective sculptures invite to viewer into a personal conversation with the art. The natural incorporation of land sea and air represents all services.

I believe that children as well as adults could be drawn in to a better understanding and honoring of sacrifice in the same manner that the reflective nature of the Vietnam Memorial commands personal involvement and imbues a sense of awe in each person who sees it. The Living Lenses submission has the potential to instill that kind of reverence in all who would visit this wonderful project.

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From: Jennifer Schoeneck <jenn.schoeneck@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 7:06 AM

To: Calendar Arts <arts@carlsbadca.gov>

Subject: Public comment - item 1

Hello,

I am writing to provide input on the artist selection for the new Veterans Memorial Park art piece. Thank you city staff for creating a process to find great artists!

In looking through their portfolios, as a resident I would like to see art from one of the following two artists:

- [Gordon Huether Studio](#)
- [Living Lenses](#)

Thank you,

Jennifer Schoeneck, resident of district 3

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Kelhuck@Outlook.com <Kelhuck@Outlook.com>

Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 8:48 PM

To: Calendar Arts <arts@carlsbadca.gov>

Subject: Art Preference for Veterans Park

After reviewing the given samples, I would prefer a sculpture submitted by MGA Sculpture Studio.

Thank you,
Kelly Huckaby
5154 Frost Ave
Carlsbad CA

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lori Robbins <silentmeowing@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 7:29 AM

To: Calendar Arts <arts@carlsbadca.gov>

Subject: Comments on Veterans Park

Dear art commission

I am a designer and artist and would like to vote on the sculpture for Veterans Park.

My opinion is that the artwork should not be so literal as it will be overwhelming, depressing and obsolete with time. So depictions of eagles or cannons etc. are not what I think will do justice to the light that is freedom that the Veterans have brought us.

Additionally, they should be compatible with the existing beautiful sculpture at the round about at the end of state street leading to the nature sanctuary.

I prefer Living Lense, their projects are light and without sharp edges. They change with the light so they are never the same. They create a journey with public art. Also, their projects are more interactive which will be educational for children.

Second, I would prefer some of MGM Sculptures lattice metal work., such as Source and Nuture. They are beautiful and symbolic but I think they have to come up with a design that is not easy to climb as that is a danger. Unless, of course, it is designed to be climbed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Lori Robbins
Carlsbad Resident

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From: s.eastwood@roadrunner.com <s.eastwood@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 3:00 PM
To: Calendar Arts <arts@carlsbadca.gov>
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Subject: Veterans Memorial Park Final Four Comments Artist Submittals

Thanks for the opportunity to review the four finalist's Artist submittals. They are all very impressive!

Of the four, Gordon Huether Studios work particularly stands out to me, relative to the desired condition expressed by the Arts Commission. Gordon Huether Studios was one of my top four from the initial review of all submittals.

Please note that everyone who submitted has exceptional work. I looked for experience with veterans and military themes.

I like the easily accessible path to a memorial wall or obelisk, with benches and shade. The memorial should fit with the landscape, and not be so large as to overwhelm the natural environment.

Thanks for this opportunity to comment on this final four phase!

Stephen Eastwood
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From: Cathy Jensen <jencathyj@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 8:13 PM
To: Calendar Arts <arts@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: Feedback on Veteran's Park Design Ideas

Hello,
Thank you for sharing the artists you are considering for the Veteran's Park.

I looked at each link and I appreciated each designer's approach and samples. They are all beautiful and heartfelt.

I felt particularly moved by the **Gordon Huether Studio** and the **MGA Sculpture Studio's** designs. They offer beautiful sights while accessible seating surround the pieces, and it feels meditative for soaking in their beauty and taking in what they represent. I'm sure any of these studios would do an outstanding job.

Thank you for asking.

Cathy Jensen
Carlsbad Resident

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From: Kristi <speck2@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2024 1:25 AM

To: Calendar Arts <arts@carlsbadca.gov>

Subject: Artist selection comments

Hello,

I would like to offer comment on the selection of an artist for the Veterans Memorial Park project.

I'm unable to attend the public comment opportunity next week, but would like to make comments in support of Site Studio.

Their proposal, portfolio, and project narrative suggest a cohesive understanding and approach to the project theme. In addition, their portfolio represents a variety of media and flexibility in artistic design which would best integrate into the community vision.

On a side note, I am a fairly recent Carlsbad resident. I am thoroughly impressed by the City's approach to community involvement in projects such as this and the Robertson Ranch park.

Thank you,
Kristi Calcagno

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From: Ric Kochon <rkochon56@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2024 2:35 PM

To: Calendar Arts <arts@carlsbadca.gov>

Subject: Re:  Help shape Veterans Memorial Park public art

My idea again is to start at 1776-2024.

Show the community are history with the different uniforms worn by are man and women over the years....

Ps...don't forget the dogs that served too....

God bless America and our troops.