

2002 APRIL 18

TO: CITY MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: EDMONDS COMMUNITY SCHOOL MURAL


PURPOSE: To request Council's authorization for the City to enter into an agreement with School District #41 for erection of the "Dreams of Peace" mural on the City-owned fence on parkland, located at 7355 Canada Way (Edmonds Community School).

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT authorization be given for the City to enter into an agreement with School District #41 for erection of the "Dreams of Peace" mural on the City-owned fence on parkland, located at 7355 Canada Way (Edmonds Community School).

REPORT

At its meeting of 2002 April 17, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission received the above noted report and adopted the three recommendations contained therein.


for Kate Friars
DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION
AND CULTURAL SERVICES

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cc. City Solicitor

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Edmonds Community School be permitted to erect the “Dreams of Peace” mural on the City-owned fence, on parkland, located at 7355 Canada Way, as outlined in this report.
2. THAT Council be requested to authorize the City to enter into an agreement with School District #41 as it pertains to this project.
3. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Kathy Richardson of Edmonds Community School and the Byrne Creek Streamkeepers.

REPORT

BACKGROUND

On BC Rivers Day 2001, the Byrne Creek Streamkeepers, in cooperation with the City, erected the “Stream of Dreams” mural on the City-owned property located at the Northwest corner of Kingsway and Edmonds. The mural is comprised of some 3,000 painted wooden fish created entirely by community volunteers. Since that time, a number of similar murals have been erected on several school sites throughout Burnaby, including Gilmore Community School, Windsor and Cascade Elementary Schools. Each mural has been done in partnership with the Byrne Creek Streamkeepers, who bring their expertise to this unique combination of public art, education and awareness.

CURRENT

In conjunction with the Byrne Creek Streamkeepers, Edmonds Community School has embarked on a similar project called the “Dreams of Peace” mural. Students, staff and parents have volunteered to create approximately 500 small mural pieces, of which 450 are proposed to be mounted on the City-owned fence at 7355 Canada Way. Unlike the other school murals, which are located entirely on School District #41 property, Edmonds Community School would like to mount the mural on the corner of Edmonds and Canada Way, a City-owned property designated as parkland. As the property is adjacent to the school grounds, and provides a highly visible location for the mural, the school is seeking permission to erect the mural in this location.

With the “Stream of Dreams” mural at Kingsway and Edmonds, the City entered into an agreement with the Byrne Creek Streamkeepers specifying that the Streamkeepers maintain adequate comprehensive general liability insurance coverage for the mural project, with the City as an additional insured and indemnifying the City from any and all claims. It is recommended that a similar agreement, including an appropriate time frame, be drafted for the “Dreams of Peace” mural.

Given the community involvement in the "Dreams of Peace" mural, and the benefits to the area in terms of both public art and education and awareness, it is recommended that the Commission approve the erection of the mural at 7355 Canada Way. It is also recommended that the City enter into an agreement with School District #41 which would indemnify the City from any claims arising from the mural, as outlined above.

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