

City of Brisbane

Agenda Report

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Stuart Schillinger, Administrative Services Director
Subject: Replacement of Raccoon Statue in Costaños Canyon
Date: June 7, 2018

Purpose:

Enhance the quality of life for residents in Brisbane by honoring the City's history by recreating and reinstalling the raccoon statue at the base of Costaños Canyon.

Recommendation:

City Council direct staff whether it should enter into a contract with Maria Ester Anargyros (wife of original artist Spero Anargyros) to replace the bronze raccoon statue at the base of Costaños Canyon.

Background:

A raccoon statue created by Spero Anargyros sat at the base of Costaños Canyon welcoming visitors for a number of years. The statue was removed from its base within the last 10 years. A Council member requested staff research what the cost of replacing the statue to honor an aspect of the City's history. Staff researched the artist, Spero Anargyros, and learned that he had passed away in 2004 and was survived by his wife. Staff contacted Maria Anargyros to see if the mold of the statue still existed and if it could be recast. The mold still exists and it can be recast.

Discussion:

The cost for casting the raccoon statue in bronze and recreating the pedestal, base and installation will be \$10,850. Staff spoke with Maria about having the ability to recast the statue in case it went missing again. She suggests having another cast done in reinforced plaster so another bronze statue could be recreated if needed. The cost for this is \$500. The overall cost to the City would be \$11,350.

If the City Council directs staff to work with Maria Ester Anargyros it will develop an agreement between her and the City and will have it reviewed by the City Attorney before it is finalized.

Fiscal Impact:

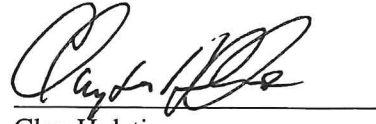
If the City Council decides to replace the raccoon statue it can use money from its one-time volunteer project set aside in next year's budget or it can use General Fund Fund Balance if it would like to begin the process this year.

Measure of Success

The City's history has been honored by the reinstallation of the raccoon statue at Costaños Canyon.



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