

MEETING DATE: MARCH 17, 2025  
PROJECT NAME: OAK GROVE PARK  
REPORT: Oak Grove Park Artist Finalists

AGENDA ITEM: VII.b.i

**Oak Grove Park Public Art Project  
Artist Selection Panel 1**

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 5:00 – 7:00pm  
Meeting Conducted via Zoom

**VOTING MEMBERS**

Chelsie Anthony, District 8 Director (on behalf of Council Member Chris Nettles)  
Aaron Hutchins, Elected Project Core Team Member  
Philip Newburn, Fort Worth Art Commissioner  
Larry O’Flinn, Landscape Architect, O’Flinn Design  
Eliana Miranda, Artist/Arts Professional

**ADVISORS (Non-voting)**

LaShanda Davis, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, District 8  
Patrick Vicknair, Park and Recreation Dept., City of Fort Worth  
Danielle O’Flinn, Landscape Architect, O’Flinn Design  
Others as may be appropriate

**PROJECT CORE TEAM**

Claire Harvey  
Daniel Longoria  
*Arlene Shorter*  
*Luis Valdez*

*\*Italicized names were not able to be preset for the meeting.*

Seven (7) artists, selected from the *Fort Worth Public Art Pre-Qualified Artist List*, were presented to the Oak Grove Park Artist Selection Panel. There was an in-depth round of viewing followed by discussion, where each panelist had the opportunity to discuss the artist(s) they felt were the best fit for the project. The Project Core Team discussed the porch culture of their community and their interest in bold, playful works as exhibited by numerous artists in the pool. Panelists were immediately drawn to several artists whose work they felt would be a strong, welcoming gesture visible from Michael Drive. Multiple artists were considered front-runners due to their artist statements, which many felt would resonate with neighbors while elevating the park’s ambiance. The voting panelists then submitted an email ballot with their top three artists, resulting in selecting three (3) finalists. A second vote took place to confirm which remaining candidate would be the selected alternate. The Finalists will participate in an orientation on the project on Friday, March 7. The Artist Selection Panel will reconvene to interview the Finalists and select one (1) artist and one (1) alternate artist to recommend to the Fort Worth Art Commission (FWAC) for approval for the project on Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

<u>The results of email Ballot #1 were:</u>	<u>Votes</u>
1. Eliza Au	0
2. Jessica Bell	3
3. Melissa Borrell	3
4. Joshua Goode	1
5. Agustina Rodriguez	5
6. Ansen Seale	2

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7. Tatara Siegel 1

The results of email Ballot #2 (Alternate) were: Votes

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| 1. Eliza Au      | 1 |
| 2. Joshua Goode  | 0 |
| 3. Ansen Seale   | 3 |
| 4. Tatara Siegel | 1 |

Finalists: Jessica Bell, Melissa Borrell, and Agustina Rodriguez; Alternate: Ansen Seale



Finalist Jessica Bell



Finalist Melissa Borrell



Finalist Agustina Rodriguez



Alternate Ansen Seale