

Consolidated notes from Zoom Meeting with Chris. (artist for courtyard memorial) 8/16/23

Present: Deb Robson, Trustee, Phakdey Yous, Trustee, Lesley Kimball, Library Director, Chris Polson, artist.

Chris showed us a small model of his vision. It reminds us of fairy tales, and echoes the vines in the courtyard.

It may be hard to see in the photos but the vine looking elements are raised from the wall, and are used as a framework for the other elements.

He has not put in any color yet, but everything will be in colors. Should the colors tie in with the mermaid, or something bolder, brighter? The exact number of flowers and butterflies is a work in progress.

Toying with ways to bring movement to the piece, kinetic possibilities for butterflies. Spinning flowers?

Maybe flowers in the hair, and/or layers in the hair.

It will be safe to touch. No sharp edges, and boat grade urethane finish.

It should hold up to the sun, according to Chris.

Prep needed by library before art installation. Wall repairs, wall cleaning, including compressible filler in corner joints, and anywhere else needed. Wall to be painted by us, with a paint type/brand/color to be suggested by Chris. **Plan for this now?**

The wood he plans to use is Okoume, which he thinks is the best for a job like this, It is used for boat building and has good waterproof characteristics.

He thinks he can install in the spring.

Cost estimate:

He thinks \$7500. Is a good estimate. He said if the budget was tight and it looked like he would go over, he could cut back on some elements. He thinks the wood would be approx. \$2000. He also said he is still defining some of the processes, such as laser cutting, vs jigsaw, which would impact the final cost.

We discussed (after he left the meeting) giving him a not to exceed number of \$10,000.

Action items

Prep on wall if we agree to this project.

Chris to present a more finished model at a trustees meeting, in the fall. At that point we can discuss further on colors, kinetics and whatever else is needed.

Begin fundraising, with a goal for this project of \$10,000.