

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
201907

Resolution:
☒ Yes ☐ No

TITLE:

Loan of Sculpture for Grosvenor-Strathmore Station

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Staff is providing information about a proposed loan by Fivesquares, LLC (Fivesquares) of an artwork (sculpture) by artist Robert Mojeski (Mojo), titled "Local Mojo" for installation at the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Station.

PURPOSE:

In compliance with Board policy, staff is seeking Board approval of a loan of artwork for the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Station.

DESCRIPTION:

Fivesquares LLC (Fivesquares), has offered to loan to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) a sculpture titled "Local Mojo" by artist Robert Mojeski, measuring 20x4x2 feet composed of metal and other parts of a 4000 series train car, for installation on the grassy area on the right side of the entrance plaza of the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Station. This project is part of an effort between WMATA and Fivesquares to activate and enhance the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Station during the pre-development phase of the joint development project by providing high-quality arts experiences for transit customers and the public at large at the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Station.

Once the art loan is approved by the Board, Art in Transit (AIT) will work with Fivesquares to install the sculpture for display at the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Station until the joint development project is constructed.

Key Highlights:

The loan of the proposed artwork would enhance the station's grounds and provide WMATA customers with a unique opportunity to benefit from the exhibit of a new public artwork by a local artist on WMATA property. This will strengthen WMATA's connection to the surrounding community and vibrant art scene.

Background and History:

In conjunction with the pop-up program associated with an impending joint development agreement between WMATA and Fivesquare (see Board Resolution # 2017-04), Fivesquares approached AIT with the offer to loan a piece of artwork for installation at the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Station to create a visual marker at the entrance of the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Station and activate the site during the pre-development phase of the joint development project.

AIT has assessed the proposed artwork based on the following criteria: a) quality of design; b) suitability and appropriateness to installation to site; c) durability. AIT now recommends its installation at the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Station site. AIT will ensure that the artwork meets WMATA standards for safety as well as material and structural adequacy.

Discussion:

Per the Board-approved Art in Transit (AIT) program guidelines, AIT must present projects recommended by the program to the WMATA Board of Directors for approval. AIT seeks to obtain the Board's approval to install the artwork loaned by Fivesquares at on the grassy area on the right side of the entrance plaza of the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Station.

Fivesquares, LLC will fully fund the installation, maintenance (including insurance) and the removal of the artwork at the end of the loan term, and will fund the restoration of the site to its original condition.

FUNDING IMPACT:

Define current or potential funding impact, including source of reimbursable funds.	
Project Manager:	Laurent Odde
Project Department/Office:	DECO/ENGA

The project is to be fully funded by Fivesquares, LLC.

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	- December 2016 - Fivesquares approaches AIT to discuss introduction of visual and performing arts to the WMATA-Fivesquares joint development site at the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Station. - January 2017 - Discussions between AIT, Fivesquares and Strathmore to introduce art as part of pilot pop-up program linked to JDA at Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro
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	Station. - February 2017 – WMATA Board of Directors authorizes staff to negotiate and enter into a binding JDA with Fivesquares for the development of the Grosvenor-Strathmore Development site (see Resolution #2017-04). - April 27, 2017 - WMATA Board of Directors approves Loan of Artwork created by artist Jeff Chyatte for Installation at the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Station (Resolution #2017-20). - Summer 2017 - AIT conducts internal review process for safety and structural integrity of site and proposed additional artwork by artist Robert Mojeski.
Anticipated actions after presentation	- September-October 2017 - extension of permit for activation of pilot pop-up program at Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Station that will include both visual and performing arts and will include permission to install new artwork contingent on Board approval provided its installation does not compromise safety and security and provided that there is no cost to WMATA. - September 2017 - Installation of new sculpture at Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Station

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the loan of the artwork to WMATA and the installation of the artwork on the grassy area on the right side of the entrance plaza of the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Station, provided that its installation does not compromise safety and security, and provided that there is no cost to WMATA.

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF LOAN OF ARTWORK FOR INSTALLATION AT THE
GROSVENOR-STRATHMORE METRORAIL STATION

RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, In Resolution 2000-67, the Board of Directors established a process to facilitate the display of the widest variety of artwork in the Metro system by reserving for itself the decision on whether to accept loaned artworks; and

WHEREAS, In Resolution 2017-04, the Board of Directors approved the commercial use of WMATA-owned land at the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metrorail Station (Pop-Up Program) during the pre-development period of a joint development, including some combination of visual and performing arts; and

WHEREAS, Fivesquares, the developer for the joint development project at the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metrorail Station, has offered to loan a sculpture by artist Robert Mojeski, titled "Local Mojo," which is composed of metal and other parts of a 4000 series train car and measures 20x4x2 feet, for installation/display near the plaza entrance of the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metrorail Station until the joint development project is constructed, see Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, Fivesquares will fully fund, at no cost to WMATA, all costs associated with the installation, maintenance, and removal of the artwork, including restoration of the site to its original condition; and

WHEREAS, Upon Board of Directors approval, the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer will enter into an agreement with the parties, to establish all parties' responsibilities for the artwork loan; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves the loan by Fivesquares, of the sculpture by artist Robert Mojeski, titled "Local Mojo," attached as Attachment A, and the installation of Local Mojo at the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metrorail Station, starting in September 2017 and continuing until the joint development project is completed, provided that its installation does not compromise safety and security and provided that there is no cost to WMATA; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately after adoption, in accordance with § 8(b) of the WMATA Compact, so that the art installation at the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metrorail Station coincides with the activation of the extended Pop-Up Program at that station.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



Patricia Y. Lee
General Counsel

WMATA File Structure No.:
12.1.1 Art In Transit

PROPOSED

ATTACHMENT A

