Background: On February 4, 2016, the Brady Arts District Owners Association met and approved the installation of sculptures created by local artist Chris Wollard. This is request for the allocation of Brady District TIF funds in the amount of $60,000.00 to complete the project. The Arts Commission of the City of Tulsa has also reviewed and approved the project and offered a unanimous vote of support on March 14, 2016.

The local artist will help develop the park and design strategies to make the park more inviting. The solution is to install two 12’ x 16’ x 4’ internally lit interactive archways for the park; one on the east side and one on the west side. The arches are made from weathering steel, similar to the façade of the Hardesty Arts Center. The shape of the archways from one direction is organic and flowing. A smaller 4’x12’x3’ made of the same material and design as the arches. This sculpture projects interesting patterns and color.

The interactive artwork will encourage and invite visitors to spend time in Legacy Park and in the Brady Arts District.

Background:

Owner: City of Tulsa
Developer: Brady Arts District Owners Association
Engineer: Chris Wollard Studio
Location: East Archer Street, between North Main Street and North Boulder Avenue
Size of Tract: One City Block
Number of Blocks: One (one block face)
Project Cost: $60,000.00
Requested amount: $60,000.00
Executive Director: O.C. Walker

Recommendation: Staff recommends this item be approved as presented.

Attachments:
Letter dated April 25, 2016, from Chris Wollard Studios
Cost Estimate
Site Plan
Concept Renderings
Chris Wollard Studios  
April 25, 2016

**Brady Arts District Sculpture**

This project is targeted for location in the pocket park in the heart of the Brady Arts District between Main and Boulder along Archer Street.

The Brady Arts District Owners Association met of February 4th, 2016 and unanimously approved and is recommending installation of sculptures created by local artist Chris Wollard. The request is for allocation of Brady Arts District TIF funds in the amount of $60,000 to complete this project. The Arts Commission of the City of Tulsa has also reviewed the project proposal and offered its unanimous support on March 14th, 2016.

Locals and visitors alike avoid the park due to a lack of interest and general unsavory elements that currently exists there.

The Brady Arts District Owners Association has made great steps in rebuilding the safety of the park, and has laid the foundation for the continued revitalization of the park. Now is the time to take the next step.

There are many terrific places in the Brady Arts District that house art: Zarrow Center for Art and Education, Philbrook Downtown, Tulsa Artists Coalition, Hardesty Arts Center, Tulsa Glass Blowing Studio, Living Arts, and more. However, aside from a few painted murals and the Center of the Universe, there is no accessible art outside.

**Solution and Project Summary:**

The Brady Arts District Owners Association contacted local artist Chris Wollard to help develop the park and come up with ways to make the park more inviting. His solution is the installation of two 12’ tall x 16’ wide x 4’ deep internally lit interactive archways for the park; one on the east side and one on the west side. This will help create a sense of place and also create a visible landmark for the Brady Arts District. The arches are made from weathering steel (commonly referred to by the proprietary name “Cor-ten”), similar to the façade of the Hardesty Arts Center. The shape of the archways from one direction is organic and flowing; from another direction the style is a subtle nod to Art Deco, for which Tulsa is well known. The inside of the arches is lined with polycarbonate sheeting (also known for its bullet proof characteristics) that acts as a diffuser for the LED lights contained within. Visitors to the park will find themselves able to control the myriad of colors and interact with the arches simply by moving through them. Once inside the park there is a third element – a smaller 4’ tall x 12’ long x 3’ deep outcropping of the same material and design cues as the arches. This sculpture projects interesting patterns and color on the south side of the Ward building using high powered LED lights. This too is an interactive experience that will change color and intensity as visitors walk by along the sidewalk.

This interactive artwork will encourage and invite visitors to spend time in Legacy Park and in the Brady Arts District, helping to further solidify its reputation as a destination. The artwork will add beauty and wonder to a public space which will help unlock additional positive uses for the park.
Chris Wollard Studio

Archer Park Sculpture Budget

Artist fee 15% $7,500
Administration expenses $1,200
Studio expenses etc $1,200

Materials Supplies:
Weathering steel (Cor-ten) $11,000
Welding (gas, wire, abrasives etc) $800
Laser cutting $1,300
Polycarbonate Sheeting $4,000
Stainless fasteners $1,000
Thermoforming process $2,500
LED Lighting $6,500
Microprocessors $400
Weather tight housings $500
Aluminum track for LED $400
Proximity Sensors (7 required) $400

Fabrication $7,900

Installation:
Transportation to site $600
Forklift rental $3,000
Stainless anchor system $1,000

Total for sculpture $50,000

Park preparation:
Pouring concrete foundations $2,500
Removing 3 existing light poles $500
Relocation of Park Kiosk $1,000

Site Prep total $4,000
Contingency $6,000

Total requested budget $60,000