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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council Members
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Subject: Utility Box Art Competition

Date: October 13, 2015

Making small murals on utility boxes has become a popular way for cities to promote public art and beautify their cities. After learning of this popular venture, the Seguin Commission on the Arts decided to host a utility box art competition in Seguin and is seeking Council permission to use the City property for the competition.

The utility box is located in Walnut Springs Park (see attached for location of box), and the call for artists asks that artists incorporate an aviary theme into their designs as the park already has bird sculptures and as to not take away from the park's natural setting. Artists can submit up to three renderings for the utility box.

Artists can submit their artwork to the Commission until December 1. After selecting its top design, the Commission will make a recommendation to Council for approval. The selected artist will receive a $200.00 stipend and recognition for their artwork. The stipend is to be paid from funds raised by the Commission on the Arts.

Attached is the call for artists approved by the Commission at its September meeting. Additionally, please find attached photos of several utility boxes from other communities. The Commission respectfully requests Council's approval to pursue the Utility Box Art Competition and the use of City property for the competition.