

# M E M O



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SUBJECT:	Monthly Progress Report –September, 2014			

## ***1. Art Pieces for Public Safety Center***

The Visual Arts Commission has recommended three items of public art for this new facility. These three items are as follows:

- Bronze sculpture: “Edmond Policeman and Child on a Bench”  
by Gary Alsum \$79,250
- Bronze sculpture: “Sherlock Holmes” by Jane Dedecker \$51,250
- Two “10 x 16” paintings by Dennis Johnson \$26,000

The total cost of these pieces is \$156,500, and this expenditure will come from the sales tax for the Public Safety Center. The Art in Public Places ordinance provides for up to 1% of the cost of construction for public art for all new City facilities over \$250,000. It is my understanding that the City Council’s intent is that the expenditures for art for the PSC would be well below the 1% limit. The original construction contract with Timberlake was for \$27.5M (without change orders), which would involve a \$275,000 limit for public art.

While the exact locations of the pieces have not been determined, the first bronze sculpture will be located outside the main entryway, and the remaining pieces will be located in the interior lobby.

## ***2. Citizens Satisfaction Survey***

For several years we have been periodically surveying our local citizens to provide feedback on our City services. This important feedback provides insight for the City Council and staff into areas where we are meeting or exceeding citizen expectations, and also areas where we are not meeting expectations. The last such survey was three years ago in 2011. We have decided to return to a mail format for this survey instead of the phone format that was used the last time, as the mail format provides more thorough information. 3,000 households will receive the survey, and of course the more people who complete the survey the better the feedback.

Staff sent out an RFP, and there is an item on tonight's agenda that will formally identify our recommendation to contract with the National Resource Center in Colorado. One of the advantages of this firm is that it allows us to compare Edmond with cities around the country that have similar demographics.

### ***3. Barnett Field Splash Pad***

We have recently had several unanticipated issues with this project that have delayed the estimated opening of the first splash pad in Edmond from the end of August to near the end of September. Several components need to be completed however to meet that deadline, including lights and splash pad features, landscaping and finish grading.

At this point the plan is to open the pad for about a month this year, through the EPS fall break (October 19), **IF** the weather cooperates. We still hope to use this initial time to work out any problems before opening for a full season next May. The contract amount is approximately \$430,000 for phase one, coming from the Parks Tax Fund.

### ***4. Sales Tax***

We should receive this month's information from the state no later than Monday, and I plan to present that information as part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Stevens  
City Manager