AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY Title: Discussion on Advancing the Bloomberg Public Art Challenge Application Based on the use of City Land and Need for City Funding in Future Fiscal Years Mark Koenen and Elizabeth Bellaver Presenter: SINCE 1834 Please check appropriate box: Government Operations 12-1-14 Government Services Planning & Development City Council **Public Hearing** Estimated Cost: \$Not determined Budgeted: YES NO X If NO, please explain how item will be funded: The current and future fiscal years do not have money included in the City's budget for the local contribution for the Bloomberg Public Art Challenge. **Executive Summary:** Elizabeth Bellaver, St Charles Arts Council (SCAC), approached the Park District and the City concerning an opportunity to apply for grant funding from the Bloomberg Art Challenge. "Bloomberg Philanthropies has announced the launch of a new initiative to support public art projects that enhance creativity and enrich the vibrancy of communities across the country.... The foundation is inviting mayors in cities with at least 30,000 residents to submit proposals for temporary public art projects that demonstrate close collaboration between artists or art organizations and city government." The City executed application for the grant is due on Dec. 15. The SCAC project concept includes an expansion of the Sculpture in the Park program along the riverbanks northerly into Pottawatomie Park. Additionally, the project proposal would include art in the river. The art in the river will be detailed at the meeting. City involvement- The Council would need to authorize use of City property along the river for the display of sculpture. Sculpture installations would need to be consistent with floodplain regulations. Elizabeth Bellaver, on behalf of the SCAC, has asked the City (and Park District) for financial assistance. This is a conceptual presentation to gauge interest for the City making the application for a grant, recognizing there will be City participation in the future if the application is elevated in the process of review. **Attachments:** (please list) **Recommendation / Suggested Action (briefly explain):** Discussion on advancing the Bloomberg Public Art Challenge application based on the use of City land

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