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STUDY SESSION AGENDA TUESDAY August 9, 2022

ALL TIMES LISTED ON THIS AGENDA ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

11:00 A.M. ATTENDEE(S): Noel Bernal / Alisha Reis

ITEM: Administrative Item Review / Commissioners

Communication

11:30 A.M. ATTENDEE(S): Byron Fanning / Zoe Ocampo / Melvin Wardlow

ITEM: Adams County Honorary Poet Laureate Program



STUDY SESSION ITEM SUMMARY

DATE OF STUDY SESSION: August 9, 2022

SUBJECT: Adams County Honorary Poet Laureate Program

OFFICE/DEPARTMENT: Parks, Open Space & Cultural Arts

CONTACT: Zoe Ocampo, Cultural Arts Liaison; Byron Fanning, Director Parks, Open Space & Cultural Arts

FINACIAL IMPACT: The total for the two-year commission is \$20,000, payable in four (4) installments, and covers time for writing, administration, artist fees, performances at 8-10 events over 24 months, event costs, materials, travel, taxes, and other project-related costs. Program and artist fees will be covered by the Cultural Arts budget.

SUPPORT/RESOURCES REQUEST: No presentation needed, verbal only

DIRECTION NEEDED: Time needed, 15 minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION: POSCA staff recommends the adoption of the Adams County Honorary Poet Laureate Program by the Board of County Commissioners.

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Adams County Parks, Open Space & Cultural Arts (POSCA) and the Visual Arts Commission (VAC) propose the adoption of the Adams County Honorary Poet Laureate Program by the Board of County Commissioners.

The selected artist will serve as the inaugural Poet Laureate and literary ambassador for Adams County, Colorado, under a two-year residency. They will advocate for poetry, literacy, and literature by giving readings at county and community functions, such as ribbon cuttings, proclamations, festivals, events, schools, or libraries.

This open call for entry will be open to experienced Colorado-based poets with roots in Adams County.