



Museums and Cultural Affairs Department
Star Ceiling Sculpture Amendment

Agenda Item 37

February 28, 2023



OVERVIEW

- Background
- Project Design
- Requested Action



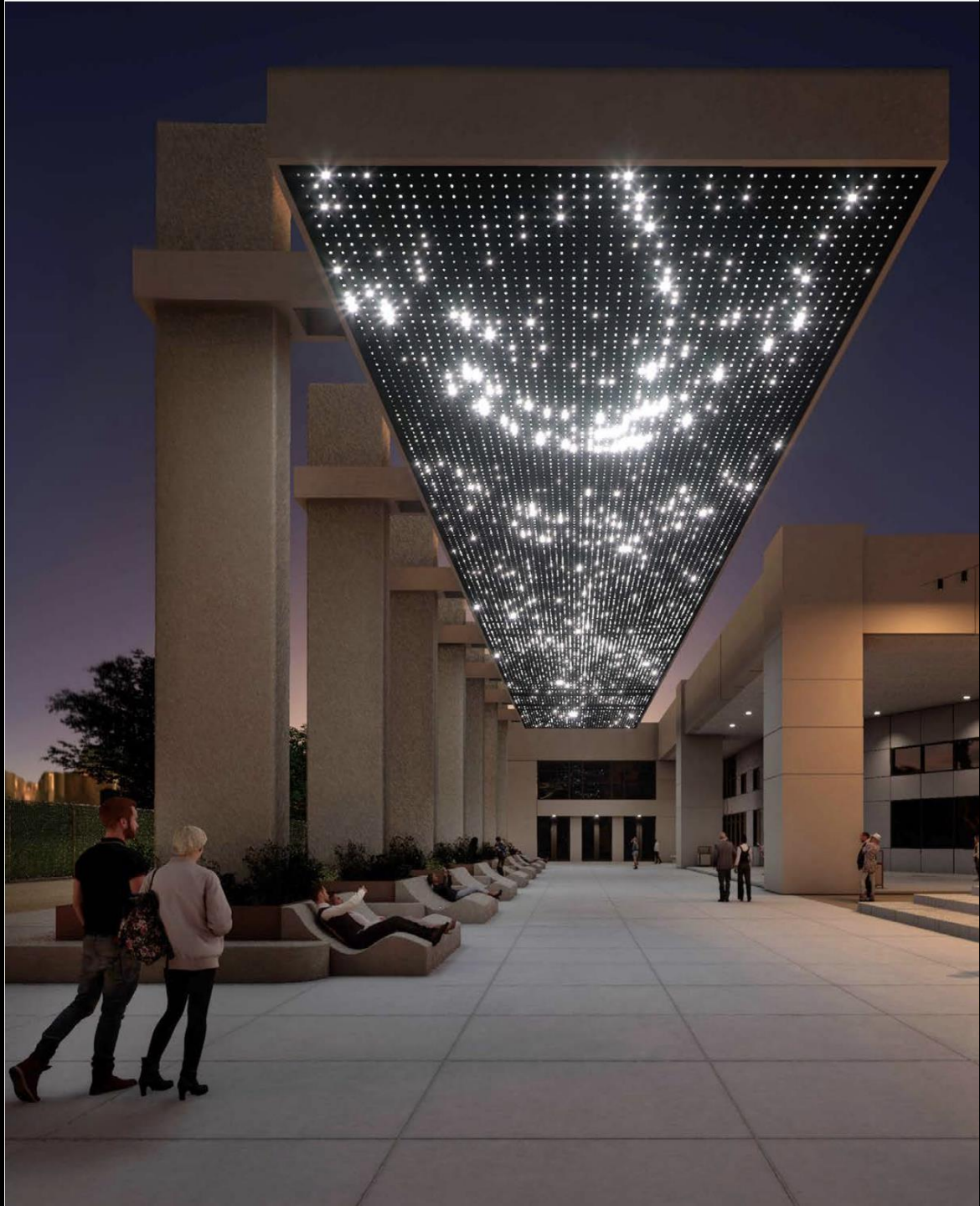
BACKGROUND: Project

- Council approved original agreement with the El Paso Museum of Art Foundation (EPMAF), a 501(c)3 supporting the work of the Museum in November 2021
 - EPMAF will raise \$6M to commission and manage construction of an original art installation by Leo Villareal for exterior of Museum, to be located on southern edge of property along Henry Trost Court. EPMAF will also raise funds for a maintenance fund for the work
 - The City of El Paso will receive donation of final artwork and maintain
- Project aligns with larger alleyway activation for area of arts district to improve aesthetics and encourage walkability around EPMA, EPMH, MACC and La Nube

BACKGROUND: Artist



- Leo Villareal is an internationally-recognized artist, raised in Borderland and now based in New York. Works primarily with light and code
- Previous commissions include the passageway between both buildings of the Smithsonian National Gallery of Art, the Golden Gate Bridge, Dallas Cowboys Headquarters and the River Thames for City of London





REQUESTED ACTION

- Amendment will allow EPMAF to utilize City's restricted Roderick Fund and Harvey Fund towards commission after raising \$3 million (50% of total cost). Both funds may be used for acquisition of new artwork
- Total of the funds is \$775,481
- EPMAF has until June of 2025 to complete project

An architectural rendering of a modern outdoor courtyard at night. The central feature is a long, rectangular canopy structure supported by several thick, light-colored concrete columns. The underside of the canopy is densely packed with numerous small, bright white lights, creating a starry or galaxy-like effect. The courtyard floor is paved with large, light-colored rectangular tiles. In the background, there are several low-profile, dark-colored modular sofas where people are sitting or walking. To the left, a group of people is standing and talking. To the right, a man in a white shirt and a young girl in a white hoodie are walking towards the camera. The sky is a deep twilight blue, and the overall atmosphere is modern and sophisticated.

QUESTIONS?