



**City of Dallas**

# **Arts and Culture Advisory Commission**

**February 20, 2025**

Office of Arts and Culture  
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- Name of project : Reverchon Baseball Field and Park
- Artist: Pending
- Council District: 2
- Budget: \$325,000 Art Project \$260,000
- Planning Initiation date: February 2025
- Phase: Planning, Research and Community Engagement
- Planned completion: pending



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**AGAVE SHADE BENCH**  
Public Art Presentaion  
Kleberg-Rylie Recreation Center

May+Watkins Design, LLC  
February 4, 2025



### Agave Shade Bench

#### Goals

In a family park environment, public art work should aim to appeal to a broad audience - children, families, nature lovers, and adults seeking quiet respite. Public art should be approachable, engaging, beautiful, welcoming and also surprising and challenging.

#### Concept

The Agave Shade Bench is a stand alone Signature Sculpture that will also be an amenity, providing seating for as many as 10 adults.

The sculpture is based on the agave plant that is native to most of Texas. The blossom will shoot 15-feet into the air and act as a gathering marker for park goers. The fronds will arch over to create wide bands of shade.



Right: Four views of Agave Shade Bench



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### Dimensions

**Height:** 15-ft at highest point

**Width:** Fronds extend to 19-ft W X 10-ft D  
(Curve extends beyond the pad but curves in to anchor to pad.)

**Bench:** 10-ft W X 5¼-in D

### Materials

We will use stainless steel pipe and perforated steel for most of the structure. Although the fronds are shown as solid bands on the model, most of them will be pipe frames with perforated steel inserts.

Perforated steel provides significant shade while allowing air circulation. The bench surface will also be made of perforated steel with a pipe frame.



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### Related Work Showing Materials

Stainless steel pipe, plate and perforated steel



*Clockwise from left  
Whose leaf is ever green. Sugarland, TX*

*Whispering Wind. Aurora, CO*

*Silver Palm. Boca Raton, FL*

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- A. Chair's Report – Welcome address to Commission; Announcements & Recognition [David Small, Chair]
- B. Cultural Spotlights: Flamenco Fever [Julia Alcantara, Executive/Artistic Director; Charles Johnson, Interim Chairman]
- C. Cultural Planning & Equity Committee Update: Commissioners to identify available open space to host artistic activities [Vicki Meek, Commissioner At-Large]
- D. Director's Update – Staff Updates, OAC Updates, and Announcements [Martine Philippe, Director, Office of Arts and Culture]

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# Upcoming Meetings and Events



- Public Art Committee, Committee Chair Krista Weinstein – (March 4, 2025)
- Allocations Committee, Committee Chair Mickie Bragalone – (March 6, 2025)
- IDEAS Illuminating Dallas Employee Art Show – (March 7, 2025) @ 12pm, City Hall Lobby*
- Arts and Culture Advisory Commission, Chair David Small – (March 20,2025)
- Cultural Plan & Equity Committee, Chair Vicki Meek – (March 27, 2025)





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