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POETIC X
POET LAUREATE, PARISH OF CADDO
"Put a Poem on it!"

Presented to **Commissioner Steven Jackson**: November 8, 2021

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As a follow up to the presentation by Poetic X, the new Caddo Parish Poet Laureate, the following presentation was communicated to Commissioner Steven Jackson for review. Poetic X envisions "PUT A POEM ON IT" as a mural program throughout the 12 districts of the Parish, preferably on Parish owned Buildings in each Commissioner's District during his term, April 2021 – April 2024! The project could complete four Illustrated Poetry Murals per year, take place across the span of one year.

Each installation would include a Poem written by Poetic X and illustrated by a local Artist. The Poetry would serve to inspire residents and visitors to each site – and create "selfie stations" throughout the Parish.

The first installation could be at the CADDO PARISH COURTHOUSE, in your district, on the plywood "fence" around the Civil War monument. There would be four poems – one on each side – by Poetic X, illustrated by Whitney Tates:

Panther Poem, Caddo on My Mind, Red River Tribute, Keep Hope Alive

Additionally, each mural would include a QR Code that links to a SPOKEN WORD presentation of the work by Poetic X. People can see and hear the poetry being performed.

This would be the first major PUBLIC PROJECT by the Caddo Parish Poet Laureate and would share his inspirational Spoken Word throughout the entire Parish – using Poetry to unite and encourage our Parish.

The Poem and the Illustration may be either painted on the walls or created as a digital image that is scanned to become a "full wall" mural and installed as a VINYL Mural...much like the 13 murals in the Shreveport Common area. The Vinyl does not harm historic buildings, and does not require "repainting." Vinyl Murals do not fade or chip as painting a wall can do...however, the vinyl murals also have a limited lifespan of five – seven years.

Poetic believes that the budget for each of the 12 Poetic Murals should be \$8,000 as follows:

1. Create and Record the Poem, Poetic X - \$ 3,500
2. Create the Illustration- Poetic selects the Artists - \$ 1,000
3. Clean/Prime the building/Vinyl Install or Paint the Mural*- \$ 3,500
4. QR Code/App – possible that the Parish has the staff/resources to provide this at no additional cost?

Total Project: \$ 8,000

12 Sites: \$96,000

Spread over three years: \$32,000 per year

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- Anneka S. Alexander
- Cindy Aubrey
- Waynette Ballengee
- Jay Covington
- Shanerika Flemings
- Michael Graham
- Margaret Furrh Green
- Roy and Nelva Griggs
- China Griggs Holmes
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