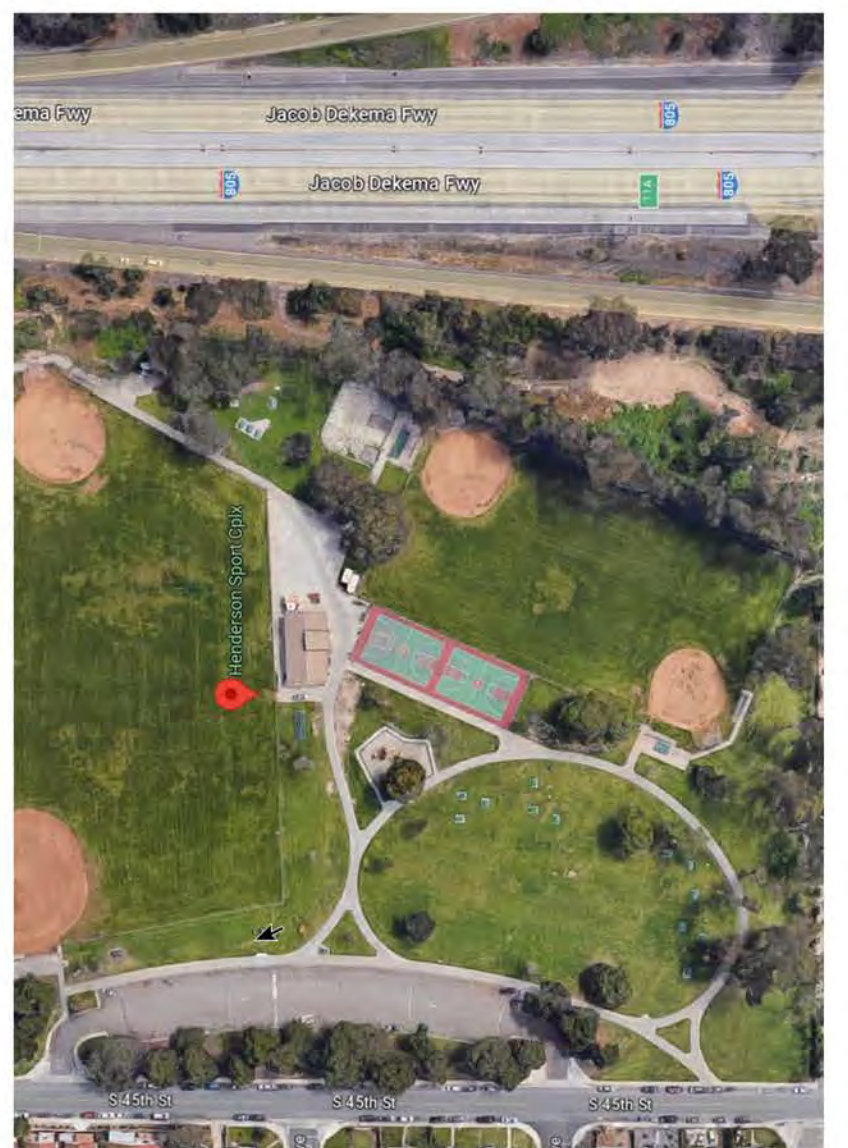


WILLIE HENDERSON SPORTS COMPLEX
PUBLIC ART PROJECT
ARTWORK PROPOSAL
By James Dinh



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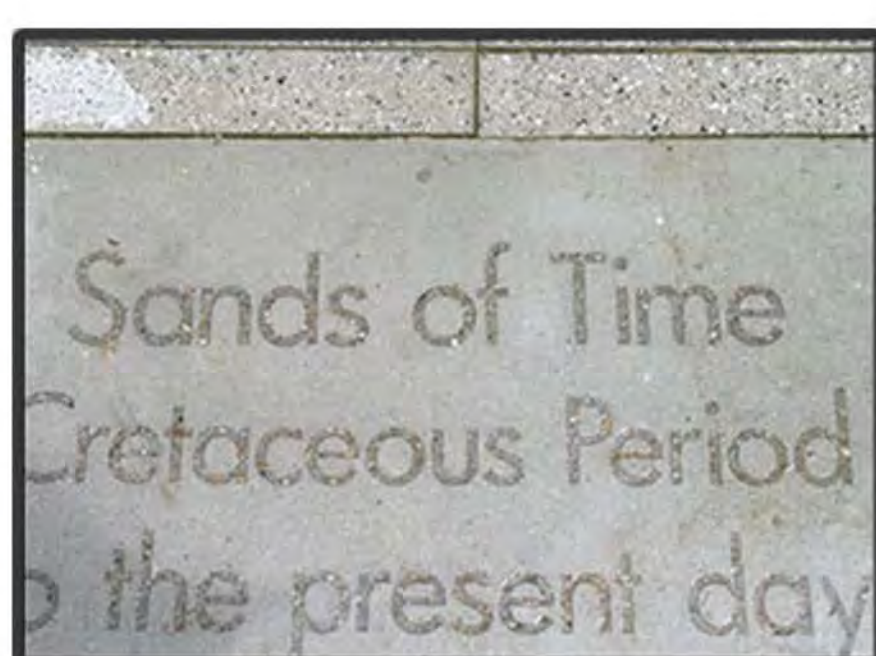
Artist rendering of the artwork.

Artist James Dinh has been developing an artwork proposal for Willie Henderson Sports Complex. The artist proposes to create 5 sculptures of semi-abstracted "folded" steel figures. Each figure will be slightly larger than human size, standing approximately 7 feet tall, 2 feet wide. The sculptures tie into the sports theme of the park design.

Painted different colors and having unique movements, the sculptures can be interpreted as a time-lapse series of running movements or people moving different ways such as dancing. The artwork aims to celebrate physical activity and sports as a collective pursuit, and by extension celebrate the community itself.

The artwork will also include a seating element that will include a quote by a local sports hero as well as a "wall of Selfies" that will feature members of the community.

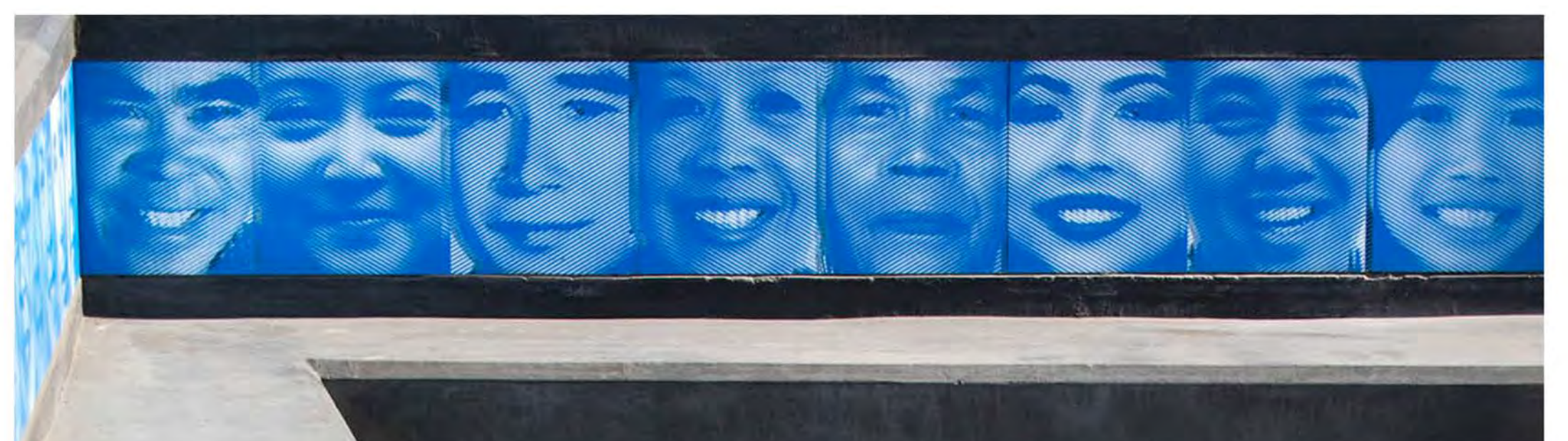
The artwork is inspired by the "Let's Move!" public health campaign that was spearheaded by former First Lady Michelle Obama. The "Let's Move" campaign promoted physical activity through the support and cooperation of families, schools, and communities. The initiative stated that "Those who feel supported by friends and families or are surrounded by others interested in physical activity, are more likely to participate."



Inscribed on the concrete paving will be a quote by former pro-football player Marcus Allen, who graduated from the nearby Lincoln High School.

"Love yourself. Respect yourself. Never sell yourself short. Believe in yourself regardless of what people think. You can accomplish anything, absolutely anything, if you set your mind to it."

Considered one of the greatest goal line and short-yard runners in NFL history. While with the Raiders, he helped the team win Super Bowl XVIII. Allen has the distinction of being the only player to have won the Heisman Trophy, an NCAA national championship, the Super Bowl, and be named NFL MVP and Super Bowl MVP. He was inducted to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2003 and the International Sports Hall of Fame in 2021.



Selfies will be taken during a community event (that will be scheduled and advertised on the Commission for Arts and Culture's Website) or emailed to artist. Selfies will then be used to create duo-tone illustrations. Illustrations will be fabricated as powder-coated aluminum image panels. Panels will be incorporated into the concrete podium that also serves as the backrest of a bench.

The image panels will celebrate the community and local athletes. Further reinforces theme that sports, like community, is a collective pursuit.