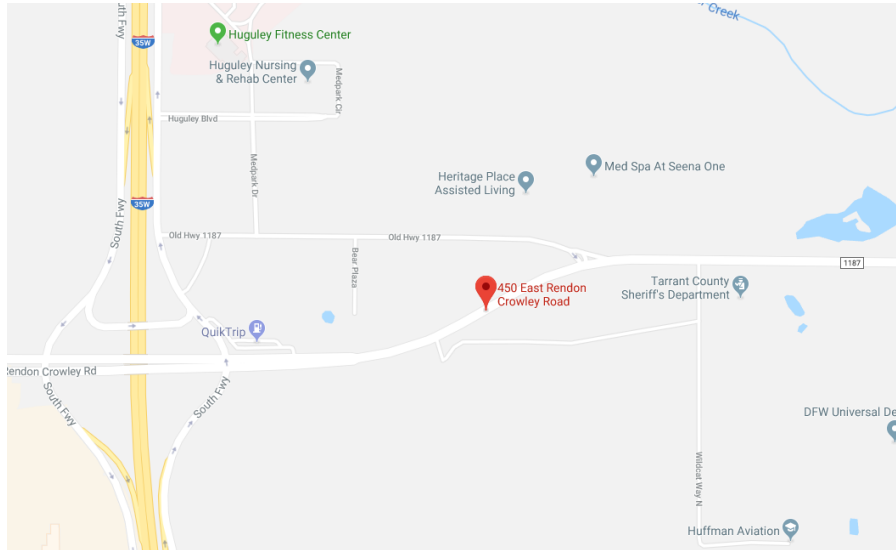


Fire Station #42 Public Art Project

Site

Fire Station #42, 450 E. Rendon Crowley Road



Narrative Description

Burning Bright, a pixelated panther measuring nearly 7 feet tall and over 71 feet in length, is to be installed on the screen walls in front of Fire Station #42. Inspired by Fort Worth's nickname as "Panther City," the pixelated panther is a metaphor for the City and its growth. Instead of depicting the panther asleep as he is in the famous quote, artist Shawn Smith has chosen to depict him running with speed and purpose as a reflection of the firefighters and their remarkably fast response time. The tail end of the panther is heavily pixelated and broken into small fragmented pieces that gradually form together into the solid structure of the head of the panther. The artist sees this as a metaphor for the individual small towns in the area growing together to create a single community, moving forward with purpose and strength.

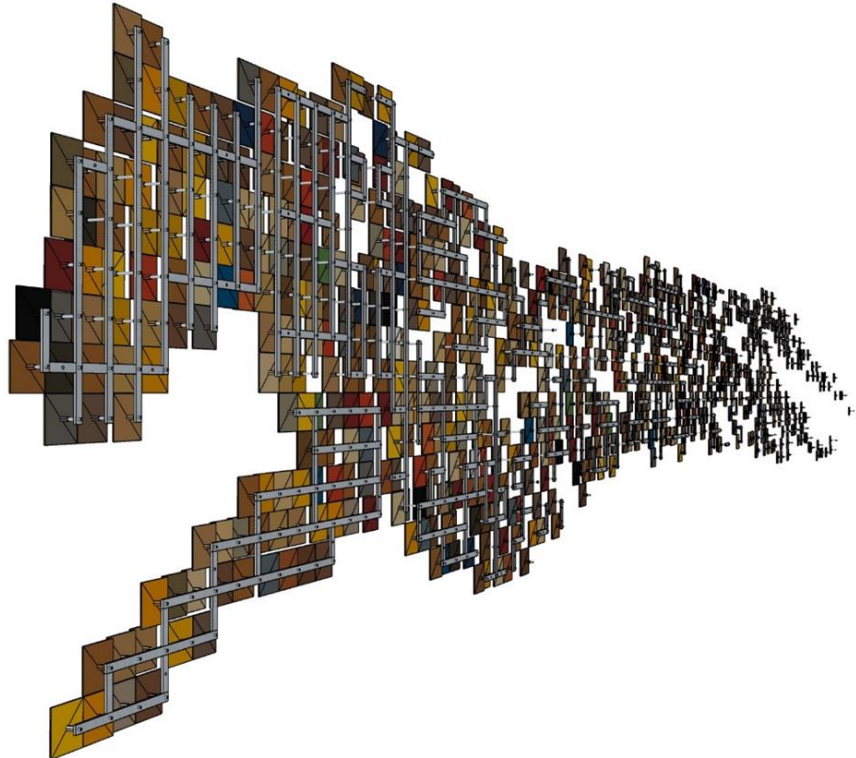
The colors of the panther are an abstraction of the colors of the natural panthers found in Texas. To further reflect the community in the design, the sculpture is made up of 31 different colors, each of which is actually taken from areas near Spinks Airport, and around District 6. They also include accents of the gold, blue, and red from the firefighters' shield, and white from their unique fire trucks.



Final Design Images



Burning Bright, Full View of Fire Station #42 (71' 3 1/2" in length x 6' 9" in height x 4" depth)



Burning Bright, Framework