




MEMORANDUM

Date: November 9, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Albert P. Childress
City Manager 

From: Todd Stoughton
Assistant City Manager

Subject: **Accepting a public art donation from Jeff Sundheim of an original sculpture titled “Eagle”, to be installed at a location to be determined at the Truman Waterfront Park; authorizing an expenditure not to exceed \$10,000, from Art in Public Places (AIPP) funds for the installation and transportation of the sculpture if necessary; providing for an effective date.**

Introduction

The City Manager’s Office has received recommendations from both the Art in Public Places Advisory Board and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to accept the gift of a large steel sculpture to be installed in a grassy location in the northwest end of the Truman Waterfront Park. Artist Jeff Sundheim would be commissioned by the Golden Fleece Foundation to fabricate the sculpture. The sculpture would be in honor of the arts and education philanthropy of John Padget and the late Jacob Dekker.

Background

Artist Jeff Sundheim also created the existing Truman Waterfront Park sculpture entitled, “Wave Henge”. This proposed gift would be installed close to the Wave Henge sculpture.

- The City of Key West’s Parks & Recreation Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend that the City accept this sculpture gift at their July 27, 2023, meeting.
- The City of Key West’s Arts in Public Places (AIPP) Advisory Board voted unanimously to accept the sculpture gift from Jeff Sundheim once final plans/dimensions have been established, at their June 21, 2023, meeting.

The sculptural installation will be reviewed through appropriate Departments. Sculpture transportation and installation costs will be at the expense of the donor unless an expenditure is approved by the AIPP Board, not to exceed \$10,000. Going forward, the AIPP Community Art Fund will fund maintenance in the event

that the Golden Fleece Foundation does not secure additional funding for the maintenance and operating expenses of the donation.

Procurement

The City Manager's Office recommends that the donor subsidize the transportation and installation costs of the sculpture. Installation will require permitting. The Arts in Public Places Public Art Fund will fund maintenance in the event that the Golden Fleece Foundation cannot secure additional funding for the maintenance and operating expenses of the donation. Annual maintenance expenses are not known at this time but are anticipated to be minimal given the sculpture will be constructed entirely of corten steel, which is designed for weathering without the need for protection such as paint.

Recommendation

The City Manager's Office recommends the Mayor and Commission approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the attached Gift Agreement, with the recommendation that sculpture gift's transportation and installation costs be covered by the donor. The Arts in Public Places Advisory Board voted unanimously to accept the sculpture gift from Jeff Sundheim once final plans/dimensions have been established, at their June 21, 2023, meeting. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of the sculpture during its July 27, 2023, meeting.

Exhibits:

Minutes, Arts in Public Places Advisory Board meeting, June 21, 2023

Minutes, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting, July 27, 2023

Jeff Sundheim, Artist Statement

Sculpture Proposal with Location Map

Draft AIPP GIFT Agreement