

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO: Greg Veliz, City Manager
Patti McLauchlin, Assistant City Manager
Steve McAlearney, City Engineer

FROM: Elizabeth Young, AIPP Arts Administrator

DATE: July 24, 2020

SUBJECT: Accept gift of Hamm/Sundheim WAVEHENGE Sculpture from Mr. John Padget

ACTION STATEMENT

Following an offer from Mr. John Padget to gift this sculpture to the City, Chairman Richard Tallmadge and AIPP Administrator Elizabeth Young met with the Asst. City Manager, the Mayor and the City Engineer to determine a location for this potential gift. *Wave Henge* would be an additional piece of artwork included in the established Florida Keys Sculpture Trail initiated by Mr. Padget, and the late Mr. Jacob Dekker.

Due to the pandemic, the full details of the gift were shared by Mrs. Young with the Art in Public Places Board by email. By unanimous vote, the Board recommends to accept this most generous gift from Mr. John Padget for the City of Key West for installation at the Truman Waterfront Park.

BACKGROUND

The Florida Keys Sculpture Trail was launched in 2017 along the Overseas Highway and stretches from Islamorada to the Key West International Airport. Adding WAVEHENGE to the Truman Waterfront Park would enhance the Park for the public as its theme has an educational component relating to the water and the sun. At four times during the year the piece will cast a shadow (sundial) from the sculpture – the Summer and Winter Solstice, and the Fall and Spring Equinox. The AIPP Board will create signage to explain this significant component. Additionally, the 4 carved and curved benches will be a lovely spot to enjoy the park and watch the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico. The AIPP Administrator also worked with the Parks and Rec Board to gain their approval, and the Chairwoman stated they are appreciative of this generous gift.

PURPOSE & JUSTIFICATION

The Truman Waterfront Park's Master Arts and Culture Plan set as Goal #3 to integrate public art of excellence that is interactive into the park. We are grateful to have this gift offered to the City as it is a strong piece, ideal for the park and fabricated for our environment. The AIPP Board also approves using up to \$12,000 of AIPP funds for the concrete pad.

RECOMMENDATION

The AIPP Board recommends acceptance of the Gift as per City policy, and requests that "Wave Henge" be sited at the Truman Waterfront Park as per the diagram and attached photos as per City Engineer Steven McAlearney.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This artwork has an approximate value of \$50,000 and is a notable piece by the two New York artists. It would be an honor to have this piece included in the City's Public Art Collection.