

RESOLUTION 2020-096  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSED DONATION  
OF A SCULPTURE TO BE PLACED AT SUGAR BEET PARK

WHEREAS, Mujeres de Colores, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (the "Donor"), has proposed donating to the City a bronze sculpture, entitled "The Hand That Feeds," which depicts a hand and a short-handled hoe – the standard tool for working in the sugar beet fields that historically surrounded the City of Fort Collins and existed elsewhere throughout Larimer County and Colorado (the "Artwork"); and

WHEREAS, Donor intends the Artwork to celebrate the history of the Hispanic and Mexican people who came to work in those sugar beet fields; and

WHEREAS, the Donor has worked with Park Planning & Development staff to develop a conceptual plaza design and landscaping to install and display the Artwork in Sugar Beet Park; and

WHEREAS, the Artwork will be created by sculptor Frank Gaza and Art Castings of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the value of the Artwork, plaza, and landscaping is estimated to have a value of \$284,750; and

WHEREAS, the initial 3-year maintenance period of the plaza and landscaping is estimated to cost \$6,600, and a portion of the maintenance of the Artwork is \$2,250; and

WHEREAS, the Donor, through a community fundraising campaign in coordination with City Give, intends to fully fund the fabrication and installation of the Artwork, the design and construction of the plaza and landscaping, the first 3 years of maintenance on the plaza and landscaping and a portion of the maintenance of the Artwork; and

WHEREAS, if the Donor is unable to meet the fundraising goal by December 31, 2022, City staff will collaborate with community representatives to assess the continued viability of this project; however, the City will have no obligation to fund any portion of the Artwork or related project work; and

WHEREAS, if the Artwork and related project work is completed, the City's Parks department will be responsible for funding the maintenance of the plaza and landscaping after the initial 3-year maintenance period, and continued maintenance of the Artwork will be funded from the City's Art in Public Places maintenance fund; and

WHEREAS, Section 23-309 of the City Code requires that works of art with a value of \$300 or more to be donated to the City and placed in a public area may be accepted only with approval of the Art in Public Places Board (the "APP Board"), and all such works with a value of \$10,000 or more may be accepted only with approval of the City Council, upon review of the proposed donation and the recommendation of the APP Board; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on October 7, 2020, the APP Board evaluated and approved the proposed donation of the Artwork based on the City's Art in Public Places Guidelines and recommended the City Council accept the donation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that the City Council hereby accepts the proposed donation of the Artwork and related project work as described in this Resolution, to be placed at Sugar Beet Park, on the condition that the Donor raises sufficient funds to fully fund the Artwork and related project work no later than December 31, 2022.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 20th day of October, A.D. 2020.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Rita R. Knoll  
City Clerk / Chief Deputy

