

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 24

DATE: July 7, 2009

STAFF: Ellen Martin

SUBJECT

Resolution 2009-063 Approving the Acceptance of the Proposed Donation of the Sculpture "Transcend."

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

The Art in Public Places Board reviewed this art donation at its February 18, 2009 meeting, approved this piece and requests that the City Council accepts this work of art on behalf of the City.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item does not impact the City's General Fund account. The design, construction and installation costs will be paid for by donors, including the DDA. Maintenance costs for the sculpture will be funded through the Art in Public Places program, but are expected to be minimal.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution accepts the donation of artwork, a sculpture entitled "Transcend" by artist Collen Nyanhongo, to the City. The sculpture will become part of the City's Art in Public Places collection.

BACKGROUND

The Art in Public Places Guidelines state that all works of art with a value over \$10,000 donated to the City of Fort Collins and that are to be placed in a public area, must be approved by the Art in Public Places (APP) Board. Once approved, the APP Board recommends that City Council accept the work of art on behalf of the City. The City is to accept ownership and responsibility for maintenance only of works of art that meet the objectives of the APP program. The work of art must also meet the criteria for works of art and site selection set forth in the APP guidelines.

The sculpture, "Transcend" was created in Old Town Square by artist Collen Nyanhongo through the generosity of the Neenan Family LLC. The community watched as the artist carved the sculpture from marble. The Neenan Family LLC now wishes to donate the sculpture to the City.

The Downtown Development Authority will partner this summer with the City's Art in Public Places Program to engage artists to create art in Old Town Square on the same location now occupied by this sculpture. The art created from this partnership will be located in the new renovated alleys and in other public areas in the Downtown. The "Transcend" sculpture needs to be relocated so this new project can begin.

City staff and the APP Board considered a variety of sites in the downtown area for the donated sculpture. Sites at Library Park, Lee Martinez Park, Washington Park, Heritage Park and along the Poudre River Trail were explored. The size, scale and bright white color of the sculpture did not relate to the expansive park settings. It would simply be out of place. The many locations along the Poudre Trail in the downtown area were too remote and did not give high enough visibility to the sculpture. Staff and the APP Board also believe the sculpture would be very prone to graffiti if it were located along the trail. It could be treated with an anti-graffiti coating but this is fairly expensive and would not stop the piece from being tagged. It just allows it to be cleaned.

Staff and the APP Board believe the proposed location at the southwest corner of the intersection of North Mason and Maple Streets (north of the City's 215 North Mason building), is a good location for the sculpture. This triangle of turf provides a landscaped setting featuring a backdrop of evergreen trees just west of the sculpture site and bordered by a hedge to the south. The site provides excellent visibility for the piece, in a downtown location that includes commercial and residential development at Penny Flats. Staff and the APP Board believe the size, scale and color of the piece fits nicely on this site, which will allow the sculpture to enhance and add interest to the area. The visibility of this site will also help to deter graffiti and vandalism.

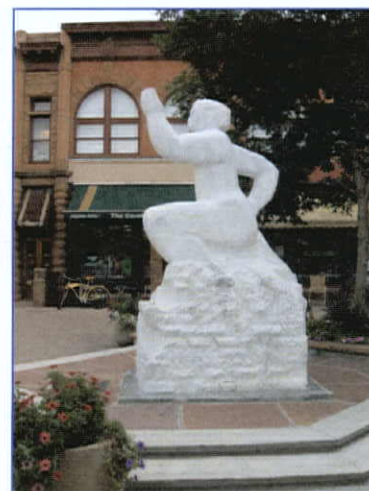
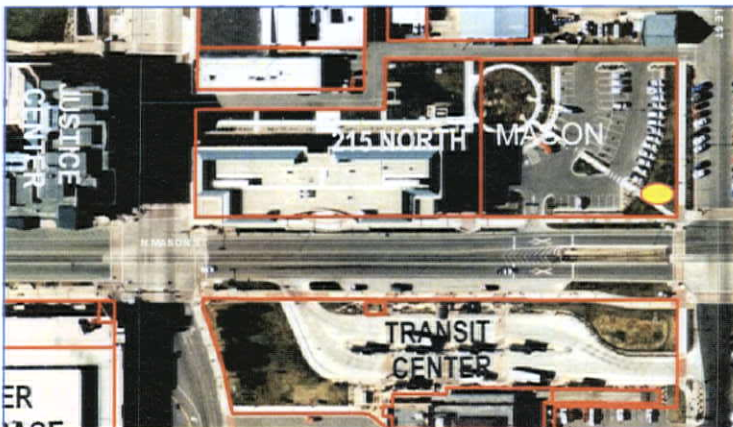
ATTACHMENTS

1. A photograph of the sculpture.
2. Minutes from the February 18, 2009 Art in Public Places Board.

Art Donation



Southwest corner of North Mason and Maple Streets
across the street from Penny Flats



On site in Old Town Square

Art in Public Places Board
February 18, 2009

ter as amended for use at the council session

Copies of the pre-recorded presentation that Ms Martin and Ms Stilwell made for council were distributed by Ms Martin, with a synopsis of the presentation. APP's use of aboveground and underground Utility project funding was discussed.

→ VIII. Old Town Square Sculpture Donation:

The goal is to locate the sculpture in a prominent Old Town location. The SW corner of Mason and Maple streets is the proposed relocation site. The cement pad and moving the sculpture will be part of the gift to the city. The board evaluated the sculpture donation of "Transcend." Votes were tallied.

Mr. Russell made a motion to accept the sculpture, "Transcend" as a donation to the city
Ms Francuz seconded the motion
Unanimously approved

IX. 2009 Transformer Cabinet Murals:

Ms Martin passed out information about the Transformer Cabinet Mural Projects. Discussion was had regarding the submission parameters.

Mr. Russell made a motion to accept the Transformer Cabinet Mural Project RFQ and RFP as we have presented it in past years.
Ms Francuz seconded the motion
Unanimously approved

X. Staff Reports:

Ms Martin distributed and presented the staff reports.

XI. Other business:

Discussion was had regarding changing the March board meeting date. The board decided to make a review of the "artwork donation process" a future agenda item.

XII. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m. by Mr. York

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Bossert

RESOLUTION 2009-063
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSED DONATION
OF THE SCULPTURE "TRANSCEND"

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2007, David Neenan and the Neenan Family L.L.L.P. ("Neenans"), in cooperation with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), commissioned the artist Collen Nyanhongo to create a sculpture, titled "Transcend" (the "Artwork"); and

WHEREAS, the Artwork was sculpted in Old Town Square so that members of the public would be able to better appreciate the artistry involved in creating such works of art; and

WHEREAS, the DDA wishes to relocate the Artwork and partner with the City to create another art attraction in the same location in Old Town Square this summer; and

WHEREAS, to accommodate those objectives, the Neenans wish to donate the Artwork to the City; and

WHEREAS, the value of the Artwork is estimated at over \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, if the donation is accepted, the Artwork would be moved to a public location on City property; and

WHEREAS, Section 23-309 of the City Code requires that works of art with a value of \$300 or more donated to the City to be 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 February 18, 2009, the APP Board evaluated the proposed donation of the Artwork based on the City's Art in Public Places Guidelines and recommended that 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 sculpture "Transcend", created by artist Collen Nyanhongo.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 7th day of July A.D. 2009.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk