

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

April 21, 2015

City Council

STAFF

Ellen Martin, Visual Arts Administrator

SUBJECT

Resolution 2015-045 Approving the Acceptance of the Proposed Donation of a Sculpture to be Placed at Edora Pool Ice Center.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution accepts the donation of a bronze sculpture representing a swimmer, donated by the Thornton Family Foundation through the Fort Collins Area Swim Team (FAST). This sculpture will become part of the City's Art in Public Places collection and placed at the Edora Pool Ice Center (EPIC).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Art in Public Places Ordinance states that all works of art with a value of \$10,000 or more donated to the City of Fort Collins that are to be placed in a public area, must be approved by the Art in Public Places (APP) Board. Once approved, the Board recommends that City Council accept the work of art on behalf of the City.

The life-sized bronze sculpture depicts a swimmer. The piece, entitled "Master Swimmer", will be created by artist Sutton Betti. The proposed sculpture will be supported by sandstone slabs with a one-inch layer of glass to depict the water level. Artist Sutton Betti has completed bronze sculptures for the City of Loveland and around the country.

Fort Collins Area Swim Team (FAST), a 501(c)(3) organization, will commission the creation, installation, and maintenance of the sculpture. After discussion with the APP Board, it is recommended that the sculpture be allowed to include the FAST logo image on the swim cap of the bronze figure, but not the word FAST. The image depicts a swimmer.

The Thornton Family Foundation and FAST would like to gift this artwork to the City of Fort Collins to be installed near the front entrance of EPIC. This sculpture will be an inspiration to recreational and competitive swimmers. This sculpture will join the two bronze sculptures depicting skaters that are located near the front entrance of EPIC. This will be the first sculpture depicting a swimmer on this site.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This item does not impact the City's general fund account. The sculpture is valued at \$35,000, with an additional \$5,000 to be spent on sculpture installation and maintenance. Maintenance includes cleaning the bronze sculpture for ten years.

BOARD / COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

At its February 18, 2015 meeting, the Art in Public Places Board approved the art and recommended that Council accept this work of art on behalf of the City. **(Attachment 2)**

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Support for the project has been received from the staff of EPIC, the Parks and Recreation Board, as well as the Board of FAST.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Illustrations and location of proposed sculpture (PDF)
2. Art in Public Places Board minutes, February 18, 2015 (PDF)

EPIC Art Donation

“Master Swimmer” by Sutton Betti

Donation by the Thornton Family Foundation through FAST



Concept Drawing for “Master Swimmer “ by Artist Sutton Betti

The drawing depicts the proposed sculpture of a swimmer to be located near the front entrance of EPIC. The bronze sculpture will be supported by sandstone slabs with a one-inch layer of glass to depict the water level. The slabs will be mounted on a concrete base. The sculpture is approximately 6' tall by 9' wide. (See rendering by artist Sutton Betti above)

The sculpture will be an inspiration to recreational and competitive swimmers and promote swimming in the Fort Collins community. Swim teams visiting Fort Collins from Denver, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska and other states will be able to view the sculpture as they attend swim meets at EPIC.

Artist Sutton Betti has completed similar figurative bronze sculptures. He is internationally known and has sculptures in Loveland and around the country.

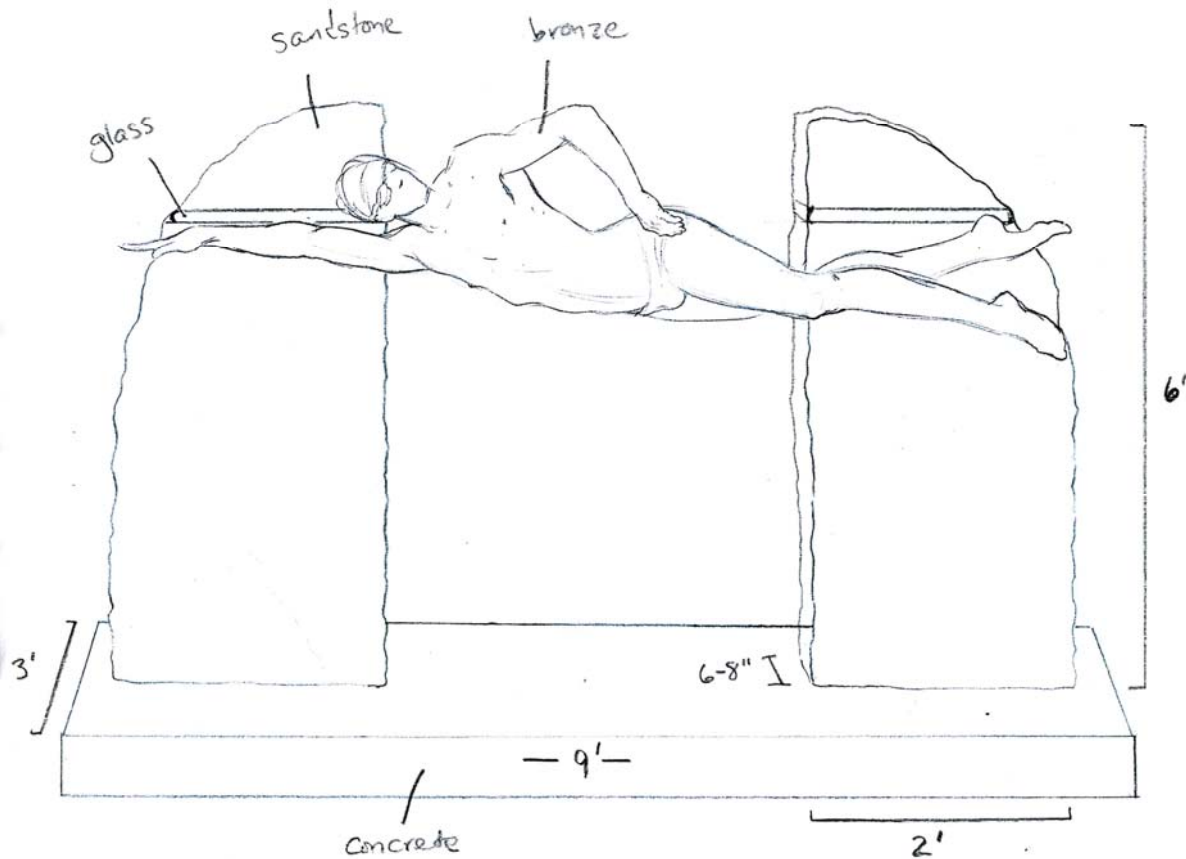
This art donation is from the Thornton Family Foundation through Fort Collins Family Swim Team (FAST).



Proposed Location: North side of EPIC, near the window, across the walk from the youth hockey sculpture. Photos show the proposed site near the main entrance of EPIC.



FAST Organization logo image will be added to swimmers swim cap.



Proposed dimensions for Master Swimmer

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES MINUTES Wednesday, February 18, 2015 Lincoln Center Columbine Room	
Council Liaison: Bob Overbeck	Staff Liaison: Ellen Martin
Chairperson: Jill Kreutzer	Vice Chair: Jane Nevriy
Cultural Resource Board Liaison: Tedi Cox	

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gwen Hatchette, Carol Ann Hixon, Jill Kreutzer, Jane Nevriy, Renee Sherman, Shelby Sommer, and Sabrina Zimmerman.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Ellen Martin, Liz Good, Caleb Feaver, Karen Manici

CULTURAL RESOURCE BOARD LIAISON: Tedi Cox

- I. Call to order: 3:30 pm by Ms. Kreutzer
- II. Consideration of tonight's agenda
- III. Consideration of minutes

Ms. Sommer moved to approve the minutes as presented
 Ms. Hixon seconded
 Unanimously approved

IV. Citizen Participation

V. Thornton Family Foundation/Fast Art Donation - EPIC

Ms. Martin presented information from the last meeting as well as some additional images of the proposed sculpture site. The Board discussed the questions that arose from the last presentation. The Donor clarified that the sculpture will not be illuminated. The artist will not produce multiples of this sculpture, of any size. The City Attorney's Office recommended discussion with the board whether the FAST logo can be added to the swim cap of the sculpture and suggested that the name and logo could be on the plaque. Ms. Martin handed out language from the City Charter and APP RFQ's giving the history of text and logos in APP artwork. The question is if the text is incidental and if including it promotes FAST as opposed to advancing the APP program or public art installation at EPIC. Ms. Kreutzer brought up the possibility of adding the logo to the plaque. Mr Thornton stated that having the logo on the plaque would be over stating the involvement of FAST. The board discussed using the image and not the FAST text of the logo.

Ms. Hixon moved that the board approve a logo on a cap that is picture based
 Ms. Hatchette seconded
 Ms. Hatchette, Ms. Hixon, Ms. Nevriy, Ms. Sherman, Ms. Sommer, and Ms. Zimmerman Approved. Ms. Kreutzer opposed.

RESOLUTION 2015-045
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSED DONATION
OF A SCULPTURE TO BE PLACED AT EDORA POOL ICE CENTER

WHEREAS, the Thornton Family Foundation (the "Donor") has proposed donating to the City a life-sized bronze sculpture depicting a swimmer, supported by sandstone slabs with a one-inch layer of glass to depict the water level, entitled "Master Swimmer" (the "Artwork"); and

WHEREAS, the Artwork would be placed at Edora Pool Ice Center (EPIC) to recognize the importance of recreational and competitive swimming in the Fort Collins community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed location for placement of the Artwork is between the parking lot and the front doors of EPIC, and a plaque is proposed to be placed inside the front doors to identify the Artwork; and

WHEREAS, the Donor has entered into an agreement with the Fort Collins Area Swim team (FAST) to commission Sutton Betti to create the Artwork, and to install and maintain the Artwork; and

WHEREAS, as part of the approved design, the City has agreed that the FAST logo may be displayed on the swim cap of the swimmer depicted as part of the Artwork; and

WHEREAS, the value of the Artwork is estimated at \$35,000; and

WHEREAS, maintenance of the Artwork for ten years following its installation will be funded by FAST; thereafter maintenance 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 February 18, 2015, 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 as described in this Resolution, to be placed at Edora Pool Ice Center.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 21st day of April, A.D. 2015.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk