



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of March 21, 2017
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of March 28, 2017

DATE: March 3, 2017
TO: Margie C. Rose, City Manager
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Art Donation Agreement for La Retama Park

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement with Rhodes Urban for the donation and acceptance of a cast aluminum art sculpture known as “Community Column” by Artist, Jack Gron, Art Professor at Texas A&M Corpus Christi, as well as an internationally known artist, honoring the memory of Norma Urban, a member of the Downtown Management Group, to be placed at La Retama Park.

PURPOSE:

Authorize an agreement to accept a donation of the “Community Column” art sculpture from Rhodes Urban created by artist, Jack Gron. The proposed location is at the corner of Mesquite and People’s Street in La Retama Park.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Parks & Recreation Department recently completed improvements to La Retama Park funded through the 2012 Bond Program, the RTA and DMD. The sculpture complements the recent improvements and honors the memory of Norma Urban. The “Community Column” sculpture is welded aluminum made from cast aluminum tiles created by local Corpus Christi residents at a community art event. The sculpture, base, plaque and installation will be fully funded by Rhodes Urban. The Arts and Cultural Commission unanimously voted to recommend the City Council accept the donation from Rhodes Urban at its July 12, 2016 meeting.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not approve acceptance of this art donation.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

None

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This donation of art is being presented according to Public Art Policies and Guidelines. These policies and guidelines were passed by the City Council on March 10, 1987.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal, Finance

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Revenue Capital X Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2016-2017	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered/ Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Fund(s): N/A

Comments: None

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this motion.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- Art Donation Agreement
- Attachment – Proposed Site Plan
- Community Column Specifications