

Staff Report

ACQUISITION FUNDING FOR *TOPOGRAPHICAL ILLUSION II* ARTWORK

June 12, 2012

BACKGROUND:

In December, 2009, the City Council authorized an agreement with Priscilla Sage to acquire two matching sculptures for the Municipal Auditorium. Based upon the recommendation of the Public Art Commission (PAC), the first sculpture, *Topographical Illusion I*, was purchased outright for \$8,000; while the second sculpture, *Topographical Illusion II*, would be purchased in January 2012, subject to the PAC raising another \$8,000 in donations.

Since the PAC's fund-raising efforts only generated \$1,500, they brought this situation to the Council's attention on May 8th. At that time, Council directed the PAC to identify \$6,500 in funding from either its 2011/12 or 2012/13 budget allocations to complete this purchase.

On June 6th, the PAC carefully reviewed the budgetary status of its various programs and identified savings in the current year's budget allocation to cover this \$6,500 expense. These savings came from the archive maintenance, education, operations, public relations and fundraising programs. With these savings, it will now be possible to proceed with acquisition of *Topographical Illusion II* prior to the end of this fiscal year.

NEXT STEPS:

Assuming Council agrees with this recommendation, staff should be directed to utilize the \$1,500 in artwork donations and \$6,500 in PAC budget savings to complete the purchase of *Topographical Illusion II*.