

Staff Report

NEIGHBORHOOD ART ACQUISITIONS

June 12, 2012

BACKGROUND:

Included in the 2011/12 Public Art budget allocation is \$10,000 for acquisition of sculptures under the Neighborhood Art program. This program provides for sculptures from the previous year's "Art Around the Corner" program to be placed in neighborhoods around the city.

The Public Art Commission is now recommending that Council authorize the purchase of two sculptures for the Neighborhood Art Program.

During the 2011/12 exhibition year, "Just Between Thieves" by Jaak Kindberg of Greenwood, Arkansas was displayed at the northeast corner of Fifth Street and Clark Avenue. It is proposed that this sculpture be purchased for \$3,200 and be placed in the front yard of Fire Station No. 2 on Welch Avenue. The application for placement of this sculpture came from Anne Taylor, a Campustown merchant.

During the 2011/12 exhibition year, "Dire Enticement" by Beth Nybeck of Kansas City, Missouri was displayed at the southeast corner of Main Street and Clark Avenue. It is proposed that this sculpture be purchased for \$6,000 and be placed in Duff Park. This neighborhood park is located at the southwest corner of Duff Avenue and 14th Street. Placement at this location was initiated by the Public Art Commission itself. Since Neighborhood Art placements have previously been well received at a number of other neighborhood parks, this placement also received support from Parks and Recreation Department staff.

As was stated above, funding for these purchases and installation is available from the 2011/12 Neighborhood Art budget. The Public Art Commission feels that these will be great additions to the two neighborhoods and to the City's public art collection.

Photographs of these two sculptures are attached. Members of the Commission will be present at the June 12th City Council meeting to answer any questions regarding these recommendations.



Dire Enticement
Beth Nybeck



Just Between Thieves
Jaak Kindberg