

Ames Public Arts Commission

Request for Deaccession

Item Identification Numbers: 64-0001 and 65-0001



Lincoln Way and Marshall Ave.



West Lincoln Way and South Oak St.

Name: Untitled

Artist: David Dahlquist

Locations: Lincoln Way by the DOT CyRide stop and West Lincoln Way by the HyVee CyRide Stop

Justification: These pieces were originally installed in 2001, but have not weathered well since that time. The artist and City staff offer the following comments related to this situation:

- A relatively small budget was available to commission these pieces for CyRide.
- The installation was modified from the artist's original proposal for financial and practical reasons.
- The artist intended for the fiberglass inserts to be used as planters with seasonal arrangements coming out of the top. However, City staff did not feel that appropriate plantings could be maintained under these conditions.
- The inserts were then inverted to discourage their collecting trash.
- The artist intended for the pieces to have ground uplighting.
- The artist does not feel that the tile inlays installed adjacent to the vertical features should be left alone after the columns are removed.
- Collections Management committee members discussed this situation with the CyRide Director, who is supportive of the removals.

Artist's Recommendations:

David Dahlquist **RECOMMENDS DEACCESSIONING** the columns, removing and salvaging the metal surrounds and tile inlays, or demolishing the artwork in its entirety.

Recommendation:

On May 6, 2015, the Public Art Commission approved a recommendation to the City Council that the sculptural pieces, concrete pad and terracotta inserts be removed and destroyed. At the request of CyRide, the concrete slab at the west Lincoln Way location will be reinstalled to accommodate bus passengers. Funding is available from the 2014/15 Collections Management budget to cover costs associated with this removal.