

**Ames Public Art Commission  
2016/17 Budget**

Following the City Council's recent approval of the Public Art Commission's budget, the PAC is now proposing the following allocation of the 2016/17 funding:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>
<b>Outreach</b>	
Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition (AAOSE)	\$14,500
Art in the Parks	5,000
Neighborhood Sculpture	13,500
<b>Collections Management</b>	
Archive/Maintenance	2,500
Education and Information	2,000
<b>Public Relations</b>	
Public Relations	2,500
Operations	<u>1,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,000</b>

**Looking Forward to 2016/17**

**Outreach**

The **Art in the Parks** Committee recently sent out a request for proposal for a community wide art project; they received proposals from 46 artists. The Committee is currently beginning review of these requests and planning to take a proposal to be completed in 2015-16 fiscal year to City Council soon. Carryover funds from the past several years will be used to fund that initiative. The funds budgeted for

2016/17 will then be carried over to plan for another future project as has been done in the past.

The **Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** Committee has chosen several possible sculptures for the exhibit in downtown Ames. Placement and dedication will take place in late spring of 2016. The new pad at the east end of Main Street offers a new site for a larger sculpture. The 2016/17 budget will allow continuation of the fine exhibitions that the community has enjoyed for many years. The budget will be used for honoraria for artists and a best in show award for the work selected by votes from community members at Art Walk, the Octagon Art Festival and ballots at City Hall.

The **Neighborhood Sculpture** Committee met in January to select sculptures from the 2015-16 exhibition in downtown Ames for placement out in the community. Five applications were received from the community and were prioritized by the Committee. They are currently working with artists and City staff to determine the number and placement of neighborhood art. It is hoped that two or three sculptures can be placed in the community. The budgeted funds would be used in a similar way next year to select art from the 2016/17 exhibition. In addition to the cost of the sculptures, the budget includes money for installation and signage.

### **Collections Management**

The request from this committee will use \$2,500 for maintenance to provide upkeep on art already in the collection. They will also use \$1,500 for pads for the two dragons, which are currently stored while the City Hall/5<sup>th</sup> Street street renovation and storm water management capital improvements project is completed. Operational supplies will use \$500.

### **Public Relations**

The Public Relations Committee is dedicated to promoting public art. Their budget will be used to publicize public art at the annual downtown Art Walk, the Reiman Gardens Art Festival, and the Octagon Arts Festival. The budgeted funds will be used to provide brochures, signs and voting ballots for use at these events.