

**Ames Public Art Commission****NEIGHBORHOOD ART ACQUISITION**

April 10, 2018

Included in the Public Art Commission's 2017/18 adjusted budget is a \$26,500 budget allocation for the acquisition of sculptures under the Neighborhood Art program (\$13,500 budgeted and \$13,000 carry over from FY17). This program provides for sculptures from the previous year's Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition (AAOSE) to be purchased and placed in neighborhoods around the City. Including the four sculptures approved by Council on March 6, \$20,477 has been spent from this account, leaving an available balance of \$6,023.

As was noted on March 6, the Public Art Commission is now recommending that Council authorize the purchase of one additional sculpture.

During the 2017-2018 exhibition year, **Balance** was on display outside the northeast corner of the Ames Public Library. At the Public Art Commission's request, it is now recommended that this steel sculpture by Steve Olszewski of Pinckney, MI be acquired for \$8,500. It is recommended that the sculpture continue to be displayed at the Library location until such time that the Library Board or the Public Art Commission recommend relocation.



Since the Neighborhood Art account within the Public Art Commission's budget could not cover the entire purchase price for Balance, the Commission has reallocated funding from several of its smaller operating accounts to cover the full price.

The Public Art Commission feels that this acquisition will be a memorable addition to the City's public art collection.