

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2021 NEIGHBORHOOD SCULPTURE PROGRAM ACCESSION**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Public Art Commission (PAC) hosts an Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition (AAOSE). Each year, sculptures exhibited through AAOSE are available for purchase by private individuals. Additionally, PAC typically acquires several sculptures each year for inclusion into the City's art collection through the Neighborhood Sculpture Program. The Neighborhood Sculpture Program involves accepting applications from residents to have an AAOSE sculpture placed in on City property for residents to enjoy.

On March 3, 2021, PAC approved a recommendation to pursue accession of three sculptures for the Neighborhood Sculpture Program. The total acquisition cost of the three pieces is \$13,500 and it is within the PAC budget assigned to this program.

The art pieces to be acquired and the proposed locations are detailed in the attached report from PAC.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the acquisition of the three sculptures for inclusion into the Neighborhood Sculpture Program as recommended by PAC.
2. Do not approve the accession of Neighborhood Sculpture Program artworks.

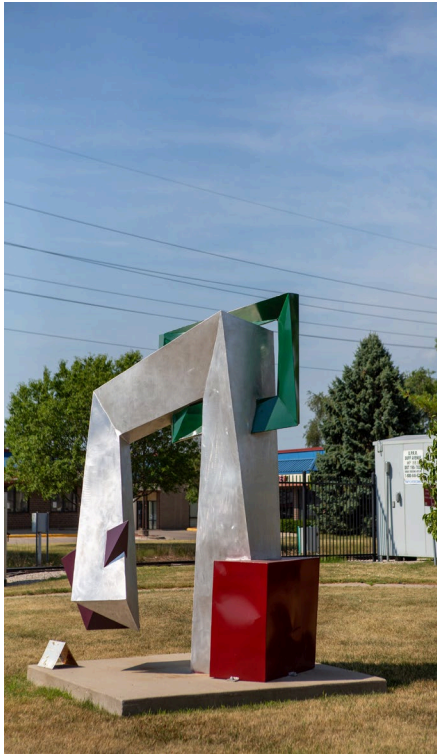
**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This annual program allows for works of art to be purchased for display in neighborhoods throughout the City. This aligns with the City Council's value of a fun, vibrant community that attracts and retains people.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.

## Ames Public Art Commission (APAC) Request for Accession Neighborhood Sculpture Program

Item Identification Numbers: [completed by city staff]



**Name:** Play Things

**Artist:** Jacob McGinn

**AAOSE Exhibit Year:** 2020-21

**Material:** Aluminum

**Acquisition cost:** \$3000.00

**Justification:** This abstract piece is a reflection of the new community growth near Franklin Park. It would spark interest in a too often forgotten neighborhood.

**Recommendation:** APAC recommends the acquisition of "Play Things" for the City of Ames art collection, to be placed at Franklin Park.

**APPROVED** for accession March 3, 2021 by the Ames Public Art Commission

## Ames Public Art Commission (APAC) Request for Accession Neighborhood Sculpture Program

Item Identification Numbers: [completed by city staff]



**Name:** Woman with Flowers

**Artist:** James Bearden

**AAOSE Exhibit Year:** 2020-21

**Material:** Blackened steel, bronze, copper

**Acquisition cost:** \$5000.00

**Justification:** More than one request was submitted for a sculpture to be placed near the entrance to Emma McCarthy Lee Park. "Woman with Flowers" was the primary choice of one such applicant.

**Recommendation:** PAC recommends the acquisition of "Woman with Flowers" for the City of Ames art collection, to be placed at the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Ross Road (north of Ross Road and west of Michigan Avenue).

**APPROVED** for accession March 3, 2021 by the Ames Public Art Commission

## Ames Public Art Commission (APAC) Request for Accession Neighborhood Sculpture Program

Item Identification Numbers: [completed by city staff]



**Name:** The Bronsons

**Artist:** Steve Reddell

**AAOSE Exhibit Year:** 2020-21

**Material:** Metal, painted

**Acquisition cost:** \$5500.00

**Justification:** There were multiple specific requests submitted for "The Bronsons." This sculpture was the first choice of the Arizona Circle applicant.

**Recommendation:** PAC recommends the acquisition of "The Bronsons" for the City of Ames art collection, to be placed at the Arizona Circle cul-de-sac.

**APPROVED** for accession March 3, 2021 by the Ames Public Art Commission