

April 3, 2008

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Ann Campbell, Mayor, and
Members of the City Council
City Hall
515 Clark Avenue
City of Ames
Ames, Iowa 50010

RE: Neighborhood Art Purchase

Dear Ms. Mayor and Members of the City Council,

The Ames Public Art Commission (PAC) decided at its April 1, 2009 meeting to recommend the City purchase 3 sculptures "Wild Flowers" by Robert Lamberson for \$1,200, "Jester" by Tom Newport for \$1,200, and "Slight of Hand" by Robert AJ Thorpe for \$2,000.

The South Campus Area Neighborhood submitted a Neighborhood Sculpture Application requesting "Wild Flowers" be placed in the triangle at Cessna and Agg. The neighborhood requested the piece be placed in that location because of the high level of football game-day pedestrian traffic passing through the area. They feel the location will benefit the many guests the community hosts, the citizens of Ames and the immediate neighborhood.

The Old Town Neighborhood Association submitted a Neighborhood Sculpture Application requesting "Jester" be placed in Old Town Park, 826 Douglas Ave. The neighborhood requested the piece be placed in the park in celebration of the Historic District's 20th anniversary in September. They are planning to relandscape the park around the sculpture.

The Somerset Neighborhood submitted a Neighborhood Sculpture Application requesting "Slight of Hand" be placed west of Stange between Northridge Parkway and Northridge Lane, locally known as Horseshoe Park. The neighborhood requested the piece be placed in the park because it is in need of a great spark. "Slight of Hand" is featured on the cover of this year's 2008-2009 Art Around the Corner brochure.

Partial funding for the 3 purchases is included in the 2008-09 budget appropriation of \$4,000 for Neighborhood Art with the remaining funds coming from the Public Art Commission's \$1,000 operating expense account. The City of Ames Public Art Commission (PAC) requests the approval of these purchases by the City Council.

Darla James, Secretary
City of Ames Public Art Commission