

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: ARTWORK AGREEMENT WITH PETER IRNIQ

BACKGROUND:

Since completion of the successful Patrick Dougherty stick sculpture in Ada Hayden Heritage Park in 2008, the Public Art Commission (PAC) has worked to identify another artist who could create additional public art in the City's parks. In September 2010, the City Council approved the PAC's recommendation to select Peter Irniq of Nunavut, Canada to create three inuksuit stone monuments within City parks. That action also received support from the City's Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mr. Irniq visited Ames in May, 2010, and identified prominent locations for these sculptures in three City parks. One will be in Ada Hayden Heritage Park, one in Brookside Park, and one in Emma McCarthy Lee Park. The Parks and Recreation Department will install concrete bases for these stone sculptures prior to Mr. Irniq's arrival.

In accordance with the project budget presented by PAC to Council last September, \$15,100 is available to fund this project. That funding comes from FY2010, FY2011 and FY2012 appropriations to the Commission for this "Art in the Parks" project. An agreement has been developed with Mr. Irniq that includes an artist's fee of \$4,000. The City will also pay the costs of Mr. Irniq's travel, lodging and food.

The Public Art Commission is working actively to promote Mr. Irniq's work, and a brochure describing this effort is attached.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can authorize approval of an agreement with artist Peter Irniq for creation of three inuksuit stone monuments in Ames in September, 2010.
2. The City Council can choose not to approve this agreement.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Since the time Council approved selection of Peter Irniq for the next phase of "Art in the Parks," the Public Art Commission has been working diligently to prepare for a successful artwork installation this autumn.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, thereby authorizing the artwork agreement with Peter Irniq.