

October 18, 2012

Re: Carryover of 2011/12 Funding Amounts

Dear City of Ames Council Members,

The Ames Public Art Commission (PAC) has two budget requests dealing with the previous (FY 2011/12) fiscal year that we would like to bring forth to the Ames City Council for your consideration.

The first issue involves the PAC asking your approval to roll-over the unspent amount of \$2206 from our 2011/12 Art in the Parks allocation. As you may be aware, the projects for Art in the Parks are some of the largest, most costly and impactful projects we develop and routinely require us to roll-over funds for at least 3-4 years. We have several exciting potential avenues for the future use of these funds which we can elaborate on at our presentation to the council.

Secondly, there is \$1600 in unused funds from two other programs from last fiscal year – \$850 left over from our Education/Information committee, and \$750 from our Operations budget. It is the PAC's hope, with the Council's approval, that that these remaining funds could be used for their intended purpose – to help develop public art projects for the city. We would like to ask for your approval to use these funds toward the purchase of one or two artful bike racks from the Art Bike Rack Competition currently being developed through the good work of the non-profit Ames Community Arts Council (ACAC). The PAC feels that this is an important project and partnership for the city, and aligns with PAC's goals of further development of the arts and culture in downtown Ames. Members of the ACAC will also be present to field any questions you may have considering their plans for this project.

We thank you for your work, time and consideration of these requests.

Sincerely

The Ames Public Art Commission

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