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Mayor Ann Campbell  
Members of the City Council  
City of Ames  
515 Clark Avenue  
Ames, IA 50010

Dear Mayor and City Council:

The Public Art Commission is asking for your permission to **carry over the unspent balance** from our FY13 operating year to the FY14 fiscal year.

The first portion of this request involves \$1200 for **artistic bike racks** downtown. Council approved this expense during FY13, but payment for the bike racks is not occurring until FY14.

The second request involves carryover of the **Art in the Parks** balance of \$7,206 to be added to the approved FY14 appropriation of \$5,000. The Art in the Parks project is a multi-year endeavor and requires 3-5 years of funding to complete. The Art in the Parks sub-committee will begin in earnest this fall with the selection process for potential artist(s) and will be eager to update the Council in early 2014. We look forward to providing a thoughtful Art in the Parks installation in 2015.

The final request involves \$6,397, which is the portion of the Commission's remaining budget that was not yet spent when the 2012-13 fiscal year ended on June 30. See chart below for line items of unspent funds.

<b>FY 2012/13</b>	<b>Original Appropriation</b>	<b>Actual expenditures</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Recommend Carry Over</b>
AAOSE	\$7,500	\$6,188.75	\$1,311.25	\$1,311
Archive / Maintenance	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000.00	\$2,000
Education	\$2,000	\$1,607.65	\$392.35	\$392
Operations	\$1,000	\$825.19	\$574.81	\$574
Public Relations	\$2,500	\$379.11	\$2,120.89	\$2,120
			<b>Total unspent \$6,399.30</b>	<b>Total carryover \$6,397</b>

The Commission proposes that this \$6,397 be added to the **Neighborhood Art program** for FY14 and be used to pay for the purchase and installation of additional neighborhood art throughout the city. The sculptures available for purchase and placement as part of the FY14 Neighborhood Art program are

more expensive than in past years, ranging from \$3,000 to over \$7,000 - these are sculptures currently on display downtown as part of the Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition (AAOSE).

Demand for the Neighborhood Art program has increased as public involvement in the voting of "Best in Show" and visibility for AAOSE increases. In recent years, the PAC has had more qualifying applications to the Neighborhood Art program than funding will allow us to fulfill. Approval of this request to carry over \$6,397, in addition to the allocated funding for this fiscal year, will allow for the Commission to select 1-2 additional sculptures from the current AAOSE program and install those sculptures into the neighborhoods of Ames in the Spring of 2014.

We will be present at your September 24 Council meeting to answer any questions you may have regarding these initiatives.

Thank you for your consideration of our requests.

Sincerely,  
Allison Sheridan, Co-Chair  
Greg Fuqua, Co-Chair