

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:** DEACCESSION OF PUBLIC ART SCULPTURES

**BACKGROUND:**

On the recommendation of the City's Public Art Commission, the City Council adopted an artwork deaccession policy to provide guidance when pieces of artwork are no longer suitable for public display.

"Bouquet," a Neighborhood Art sculpture that was previously displayed at Brookside Park, and "Change on Your Dollar," which was previously displayed at Country Gables Park, have become damaged and are no longer safe or suitable for public display. Both sculptures were removed from the parks by City staff. The Public Art Commission is now recommending that these sculptures be permanently deaccessioned from the City's public art collection and that the sculptures be destroyed.

Copies of the Commission's requests for deaccession are attached.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve deaccession of the "Bouquet" and "Change on Your Dollar" sculptures as recommended by the Public Art Commission.
2. Retain these two sculptures and direct the Public Art Commission to explore other options.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

These sculptures are no longer suitable for public display. Repair would not be cost effective, and modification would alter the artwork from what was originally intended by the artists.

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

**Ames Public Art Commission**  
**Request for Deaccession**

**Item Identification Numbers:** 93-0607



**Name:** Bouquet

**Location:** storage, previously located at Brookside Park

**Year acquired:** 2007 (Neighborhood Art acquisition)

**Material:** bronze braised steel, 80" x 18" x 16"

**Justification:** The Parks and Recreation department removed the piece from the east flowerbed at Brookside Park prior to the replacement of the footbridge near the tennis courts. The sculpture was missing several pieces and is no longer acceptable for public display. The piece is unrepairable and has portions that could be harmful if displayed in its current condition.

**Recommendation:**

The Public Art Commission recommends destruction of the sculptural piece "Bouquet".

APPROVED for deaccession: 7 June 2017 by the Public Arts Commission

**Ames Public Art Commission**  
**Request for Deaccession**

**Item Identification Numbers:** 107-1011



**Name:** Change on Your Dollar

**Location:** Parks and Recreation Storage Facility,  
previously located at 50 Crystal Street, County Gables Park

**Year acquired:** 2010 (Neighborhood Art acquisition)

**Material:** Brass

**Justification:** The Parks and Recreation department removed the piece from public display at Country Gables Park after it was discovered that it had significant damage to its base. The sculpture is unrepairable, and attempted repairs would alter the original artistic vision of the piece.

**Recommendation:**

The Public Art Commission recommends destruction of the sculptural piece "Change on Your Dollar".

APPROVED for deaccession: 5 July 2017 by the Public Arts Commission