

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR THE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION TO
CARRYOVER FUNDS FROM FY2016/17 TO FY2017/18**

BACKGROUND:

The unspent ending balance from the Public Arts Commission (PAC) approved FY2016/17 budget is \$34,257. Of that amount, the Commission is requesting Council approval to carry over a total amount of **\$28,000** for Art in the Parks and Neighborhood Art. The carryover funds will be used for the following two projects.

Neighborhood Sculpture (\$13,000)

For its Neighborhood Sculpture program, the Public Art Commission would like to carry forward an unspent balance of **\$13,000**.

With the increasing cost of purchasing sculptures, it isn't always possible to purchase three each year as has been done for the past few years. Looking at the current exhibition, it appears that the costs of those pieces are again significant. By carrying this balance over, the PAC would hope to be able to purchase up to four sculptures during the 2017-18 fiscal year.

From the FY 2016/17 funding of \$18,100, PAC was able to purchase and install three sculptures. These include *Windswept* at the Ames Municipal Airport, *The Peculiar Family* at Roxboro Drive and Stange Road, and *The Other Extreme* at Harrison Road and Harrison Circle. From the FY 2015/16 funding of \$13,500, they were able to purchase, install, and obtain signage for two sculptures – one located at 30th and Hoover and the other located on Park Avenue by Brookridge. Since its inception in 2004, the Neighborhood Sculpture program has acquired and placed 33 sculptures valued at over \$100,000 in the Ames community.

Art in the Parks (\$15,000)

The Art in the Parks program traditionally has its unspent balance carried forward over several years to get accumulate enough to fund the expense of a larger Art in the Parks project. These projects involve bringing in an artist to work with the community creating art in the parks. They are quite expensive, and typically involve accruing several years' budget allocations.

In summer 2016 *Resonance* was installed in Tom Evans Park as a part of this ongoing project. The Commission is asking to carry over the **\$15,000** balance for this program. The next projected Art in the Parks project is anticipated in Spring/Summer 2019.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) The City Council can approve the request from the Public Arts Commission to carryover \$28,000 from FY 2016/17 to fund the Neighborhood Sculpture and Art in the Parks projects.
- 2) The City Council can deny the request from the Public Arts Commission to carryover \$28,000 from FY 2016/17 to fund the Neighborhood Sculpture and Art in the Parks projects.
- 3) The City Council can ask the Public Arts Commission to use the \$28,000 of carryover funds for some other project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Satisfying the request from the PAC to carryover funds will assure that their quality programs continue at no additional cost to the City this year. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council support Alternative #1 and approve the request from the Public Arts Commission to carryover \$28,000 from FY 2016/17 to fund the Neighborhood Sculpture and Art in the Parks projects.