

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2022/23 AMES ANNUAL OUTDOOR SCULPTURE EXHIBITION

BACKGROUND:

The Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition (AAOSE), the longest running program for the Public Arts Commission (PAC), will celebrate its 26th annual downtown exhibition in 2022. Through this program, artists submit sculptural entries to be displayed in Downtown Ames from May 2022 through April 2023. At the conclusion of the display, sculptures are available for purchase by private individuals or by PAC through the Neighborhood Sculpture Program. This year, 36 AAOSE entries were received from 17 artists.

The entries were evaluated by a jury of Ames residents who then made their recommendations to PAC. **The jurors selected eight sculptures to be displayed.** They also identified three alternates in case selected sculpture(s) would become unavailable. PAC approved the recommendations and alternates at a special meeting on March 15, 2022.

Attached are photographs and descriptions of the sculptures recommended for the 2022-23 AAOSE. Installation of the exhibit will take place in April after consultation with businesses near the proposed sites and further risk analysis by City staff.

Artists will be paid a \$2,000 honorarium for each selected sculpture, and a Best-in-Show award of \$1,000 will be made to a winner determined by the public, for a total expenditure of \$17,000. The honorarium and Best-in-Show award amounts have been doubled by PAC compared to the amounts in the previous year; however, the net cost increase is only \$2,500, since during the 25th anniversary of AAOSE in 2021/22 there were 14 sculptures exhibited for a total cost of \$14,500. Therefore, the net increased cost for the program is \$2,500. All expenses will be paid for through the PAC budget. Funding for the AAOSE exhibition was included in the 2021-22 City Budget for the Public Art Commission.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize PAC to enter into agreements with artists for the exhibition of sculptures and make honorarium payments.
2. Do not approve the agreements.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

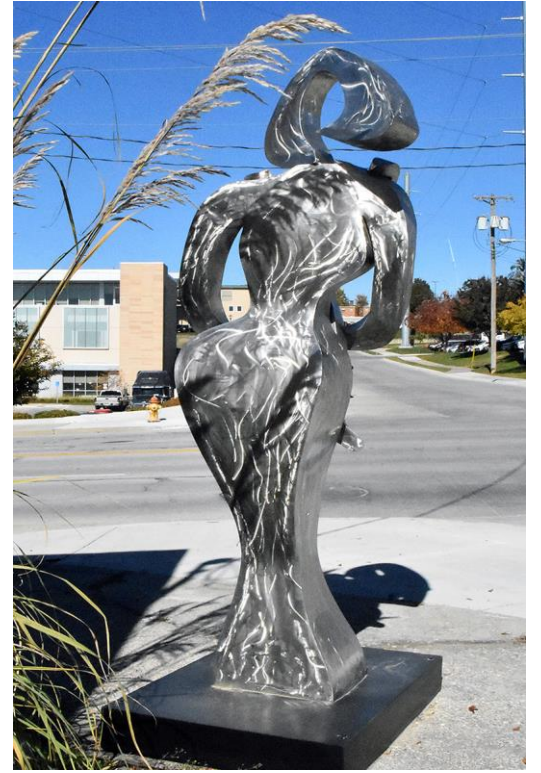
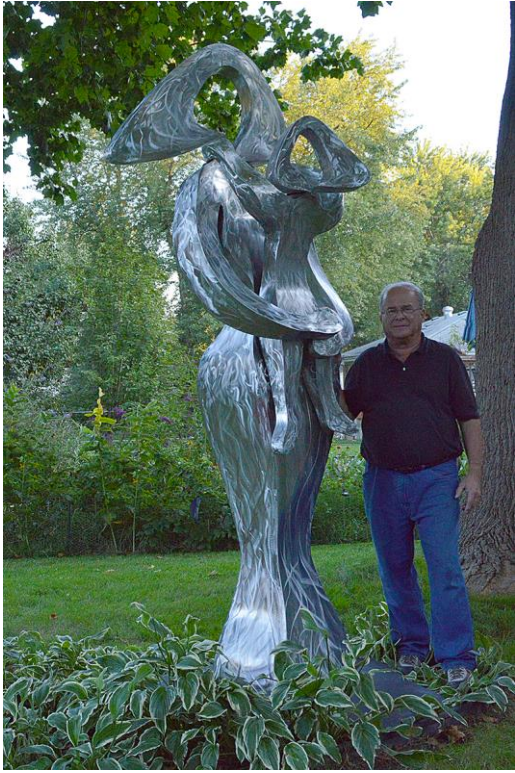
This annual program allows for works of art to be displayed throughout the City. This program aligns with the City Council's value of a fun, vibrant community that attracts and retains people.

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

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AMES ANNUAL OUTDOOR SCULPTURE EXHIBITION SELECTIONS

2022-2023

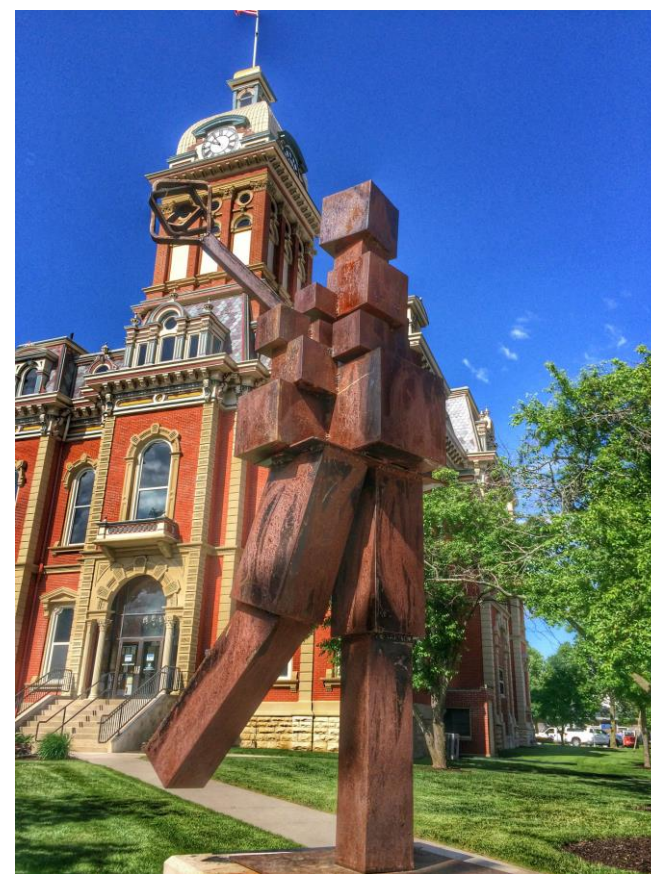


Albert Rhea

Papillion, NE

Parent and Child

- Dimensions: Unspecified (base measures 18"x16")
- Media: Stainless Steel
- Weight: 185 lbs
- Year: 2019
- Value: \$9,500

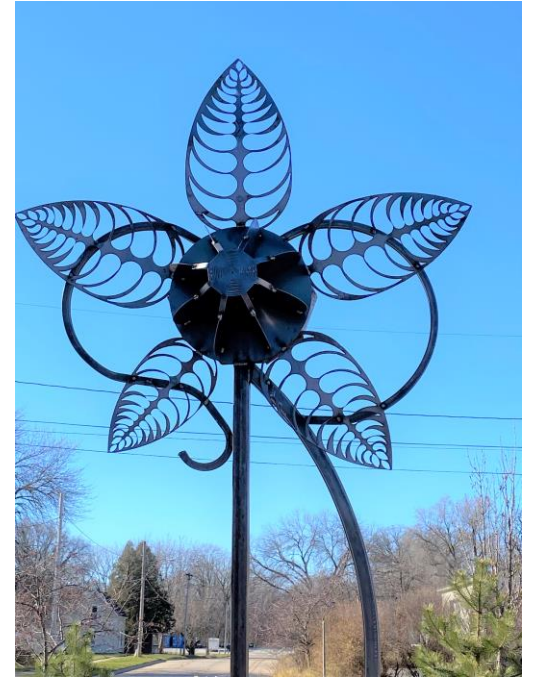


Craig Snyder

Plymouth, MN

Cube Farmer

- Dimensions: 8'x5'x3'
- Media: Steel
- Weight: 350 lbs
- Year: 2018
- Value: \$8,200



Tim Adams

Webster City, IA

Symmetry

- Dimensions: 10'x4'x5'
- Media: Upcycled Steel
- Weight: 250 lbs
- Year: 2022
- Value: \$5,000



Hilde DeBruyne

Cumming, IA

Blue Wings

- Dimensions: 6'x4'x3'
- Media: Mild Steel
- Weight: 150 lbs
- Year: 2019
- Value: \$9,000

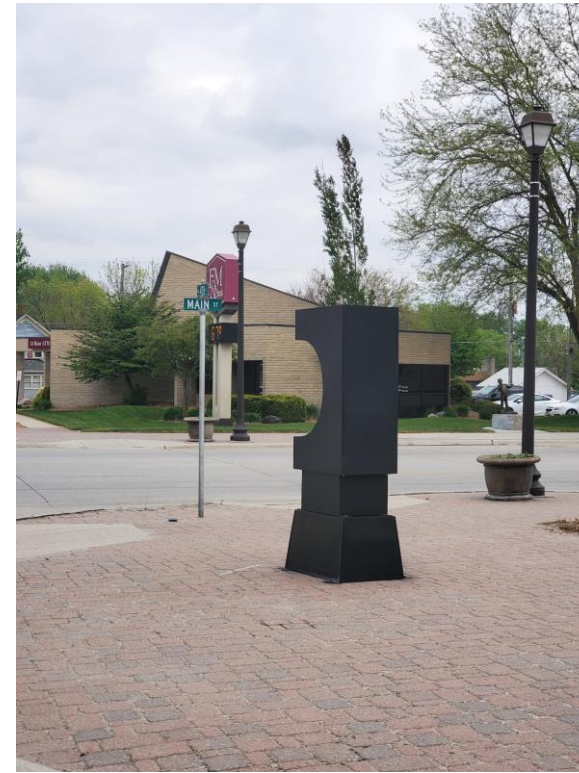
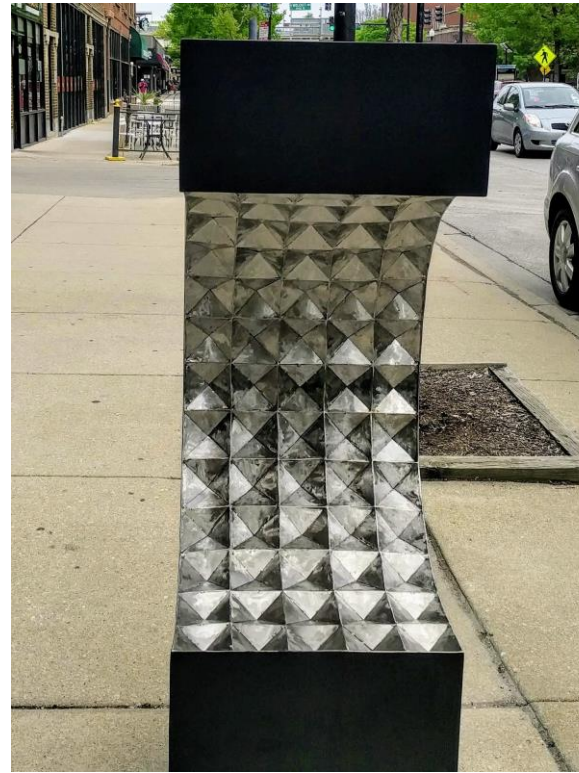


Zach Bowman

Ankeny, IA

Heartbeat of the Heartland

- Dimensions: 10'x6'x7'
- Media: Stainless and Mild Steel
- Weight: 200 lbs
- Year: 2017
- Value: \$6,500



Sung-Hee Min

Roseville, MN

Arc C

- Dimensions: 80"x19"x30"
- Media: Stainless Steel and Steel
- Weight: 120 lbs
- Year: 2019
- Value: \$10,000

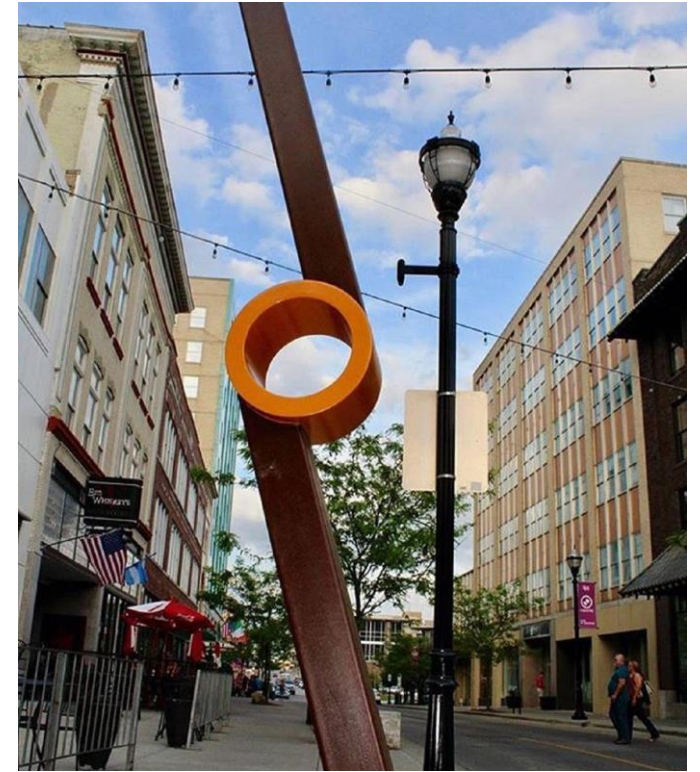
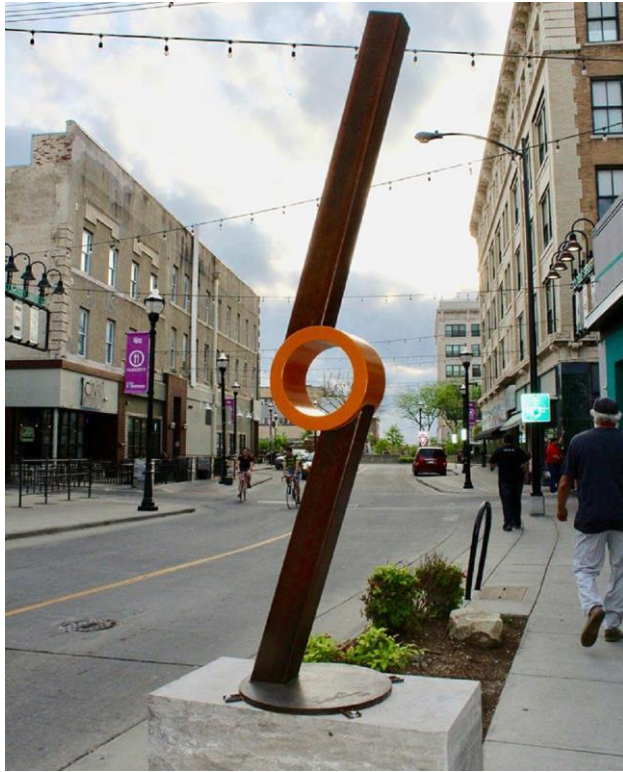


John Kamrath

Mahtomedi, MN

Twist

- Dimensions: 9'x3'x2'
- Media: Steel
- Weight: 200 lbs
- Year: 2021
- Value: \$9,000



Ben Pierce

Cape Girardeau, MO

Propensity

- Dimensions: 9'x3'x3'
- Media: Steel and Paint
- Weight: 800 lbs
- Year: 2015
- Value: \$7,500



ALTERNATES

In Numbered Order



Gail Chavenelle

Dubuque, IA

Flushing Mallards

- Dimensions: 7'x29"x18"
- Media: Steel Plate w/ Baked on Powder Coat
- Weight: 200 lbs
- Year: 2021
- Value: \$8,500

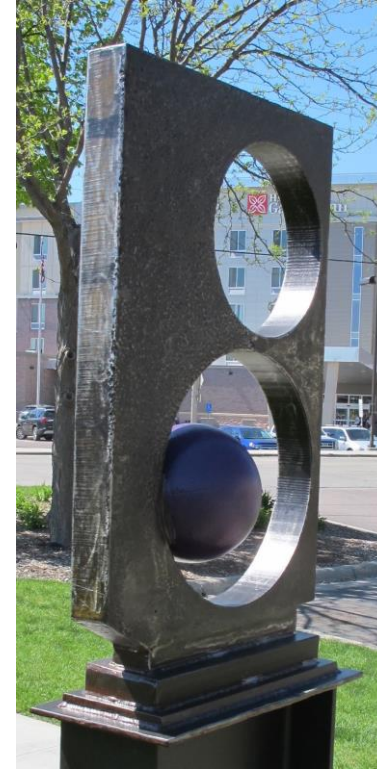


Damian Radice

Grand Junction, CO

Discussion Group

- Dimensions: 34"x24"x14"
- Media: Bronze
- Weight: 120 lbs
- Year: 2022
- Value: \$3,800



Steven W. Maeck

Burr Oak, IA

Crazy Eight

- Dimensions: 7'4"x2'11"x2'11"
- Media: Welded Steel
- Weight: 750 lbs
- Year: 2017
- Value: \$19,500