

ITEM #: 9  
DATE: 03-26-24  
DEPT: ADMIN

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:**               **2024 NEIGHBORHOOD SCULPTURE PROGRAM ACCESSION**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Public Art Commission (PAC) hosts an Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition (AAOSE). Each year, sculptures exhibited through AAOSE are available for purchase by private individuals. Additionally, PAC typically acquires several sculptures each year into the City's permanent art collection through the Neighborhood Sculpture Program. The Neighborhood Sculpture Program involves accepting applications from residents to have an AAOSE sculpture placed on City property for residents to enjoy.

On March 5, 2024, PAC approved a recommendation that the City Council pursue accession of one sculpture for the Neighborhood Sculpture Program. The work, "Generations," is by the artist Gail Chavenelle. The acquisition cost of the piece is \$7,500. The FY 2023/24 Adjusted Budget for the PAC Neighborhood Sculpture Program contains a balance of \$26,939.

It is proposed that this sculpture be placed in Stuart Smith Park. The Parks and Recreation Department has been consulted about the proposal and has no concerns regarding the placement. Further information regarding the sculpture is detailed in the attached report from PAC.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the accession of one sculpture for the Neighborhood Sculpture Program as recommended by PAC.
2. Do not approve the accession of Neighborhood Sculpture Program artwork.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This annual program allows for works of art to be purchased for display in neighborhoods throughout the City. This 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.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

[2024 Neighborhood Art Acquisition.pdf](#)