

ITEM #: 16
DATE: 02-11-25
DEPT: ADMIN

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2025 NEIGHBORHOOD SCULPTURE PROGRAM ACCESSIONS

BACKGROUND:

One of the signature programs hosted by the Public Art Commission (PAC) is the 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 January 7, 2025, PAC approved a recommendation that the City Council pursue accession of two sculptures for the Neighborhood Sculpture Program. The first work "Clean Up Crew," is by the artist Judd Nelson. The acquisition cost of the piece is \$9,000. The second work "Snow," is by artist Sung-Hee Min. The acquisition cost of the piece is \$8,500. The FY 2024/25 Adjusted Budget for the PAC Neighborhood Sculpture Program contains a balance of \$45,167.

It is proposed that "Clean Up Crew" be placed in the public right-of-way along the west side N. Riverside and "Snow" be placed on the northwest corner of North Dakota and Delaware Avenues. The Parks and Recreation Department and Traffic Engineer have been consulted about the proposal and have no concerns regarding the placement. Further information regarding the sculpture is detailed in the attached report from PAC.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the accession of two sculptures for the Neighborhood Sculpture Program as recommended by PAC.
2. Do not approve the accession of Neighborhood Sculpture Program artworks.

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):

[2025 Neighborhood Art Acquisition.pdf](#)