



Department Source: Cultural Affairs

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 21, 2021

Re: Accepting Gift of Art sculpture from the Land Family for Cosmo Park

## Executive Summary

The Parks & Recreation department submitted a proposal for a bronze soccer player sculpture to go in Columbia's Cosmopolitan Recreation Area (Cosmo Park), which is to be donated by Paul Land and Julaine Stiers. Per the Accepting Gifts of Works of Art ordinance, the proposal was presented to the Commission on Cultural Affairs who have recommended to City Council to accept the proposal. Should Council accept, an agreement to authorize the acceptance of the sculpture for display in the park needs approval.

## Discussion

Per the Accepting Gifts of Works of Art Ordinance, found in Chapter 2 of the City Code of Ordinances, section 2-237, persons who wish to donate works of art to the City submit proposals to the Office of Cultural Affairs. Proposals can include existing artwork or work yet to be completed. The Commission on Cultural Affairs reviews the proposal and makes a recommendation to the City Council on whether to accept the gift.

At its March 8 and April 12, 2021 meetings, the Commission on Cultural Affairs reviewed the proposal from the Parks & Recreation department for accepting a sculpture donated by the Paul Land and Julaine Stiers (the Land Family) for Cosmo Park, summarized below. The Commission voted to recommend acceptance of this gift of art by City Council. Should Council accept, an agreement to authorize the acceptance of the sculpture needs approval.

### Overview of Project and Design

Columbia's Cosmopolitan Recreation Area (Cosmo Park) is known across the state as a premier sports complex hosting a variety of sports from soccer, baseball, youth and adult softball, tennis, football, lacrosse, skateboard, and rugby to name just a few. There are many sports complexes across the state and the Parks & Recreation Department wants to create something unique that is traditionally not found at an amateur recreational sports venue. Parks & Recreation's long-term plan is to have a series of sports statues along the circle access to the park, with various sports represented. The Land Family has commissioned a bronze soccer player sculpture to donate to the City, which would be the first sports sculpture to be installed. The approximate value of the sculpture, base and installation is \$75,000.



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*Sculpture creation in progress*

Approximate dimensions are 59" tall, a span of 48" and depth of 38". The sculpture will be placed on a 24-inch tall base, so once installed, the approximate height will be 83" tall.

The proposed site in Cosmo Park is at the circle drive located off of the Business Loop 70 access. This is the primary entrance and exit to the park. On a typical Saturday morning, vehicle trackers have recorded an average of 4,000 cars through this area between 7:00am and 12:00pm.





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*Rendering of the sculpture*

## Artist and Maintenance

The sculpture is being done by local artist William J. Williams of WJW Sculpture. He has over 40 years of experience and professional accomplishments. Examples of traditional sculpture in portraiture are in The Hall of Famous Missourians located in the Missouri State Capitol Building. Mr. Williams was selected to create the first portrait bust in bronze, Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain), and have created twenty seven more in the series.

There will be no cost to the City of Columbia for the installation as all of this will be paid by the donor. The installation including the design of the base, footings and anchors will be conducted by PCE, Professional Contractors & Engineers, Inc. of Columbia.

A 24" x 24" x 24" concrete base will be used to elevate the sculpture away from the turf in order to minimize the risk of damage due to traditional lawn care equipment such as mowers or weed trimmers. The width and depth of the base may be increased to accommodate the final size of the bronze footing plate. The height will remain at approximately 24-inches. The base will include a plaque with the statement: "You will miss 100% of the shots you never take." Additionally, it will mention that the art was commissioned by Paul Land and Julaine Stiers and identify the sculptor.

Parks & Recreation staff anticipates that annual maintenance costs will be approximately \$1,000, including periodic cleaning and waxing to be performed by staff. A maintenance guide has been provided.

## Agreement

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an agreement with the Land Family for the project. The Land Family will retain title and ownership of the sculpture with an agreement for



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it to be displayed in Cosmo Park. Criteria for the eventual transfer of title to the City are outlined in the agreement. The City will be responsible for routine maintenance and repair.

The Office of Cultural Affairs, Parks & Recreation, and the Law Department have reviewed the terms of the agreement.

## Schedule of Project

If Council approves the project, the sculpture would planned to be installed sometime over the upcoming summer months.

### Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None

Long-Term Impact: \$1,000 per year (Parks & Recreation maintenance)

### Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

#### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Public Safety, Tertiary Impact: Economy

#### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Economic Development Communities, Tertiary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation

### Legislative History

Date	Action
4/12/21	Commission on Cultural Affairs recommended acceptance of gift of art from the Land Family.

### Suggested Council Action

If Council agrees, city staff recommends approval of the resolution as proposed.