



May 10, 2021

Dear Mayor and Council:

The Commission on Cultural Affairs enthusiastically recommends the donation of the soccer player sculpture from the Land Family to go in Cosmo Park. We know the bronze sculpture created by artist William J. Williams will add to the City's vibrant public art collection and be a welcome new addition to the park. The Commission also thoughtfully evaluated the proposed plan for accepting the sculpture as a loan with plans for full ownership in the future along with potential maintenance requirements. We trust that the City's staff from the Law and Parks & Recreation departments have incorporated the appropriate language into the agreement.

During our review process, there was rigorous discussion among the Commissioners on a formal public art plan to be developed for Cosmo Park, and that the plan be shared with us when available from the Parks & Recreation department. We would like to see a developed plan incorporate diverse representation for future sculptures (including race, ethnicity, gender, and sports represented).

Again, we are pleased to recommend this artwork donation be accepted, and we are thankful that there is a process in place for such gifts to be made to the City.

Sincerely,

The Commission on Cultural Affairs

cc: Mike Griggs, Director of Parks & Recreation

A collection of handwritten signatures in black and blue ink. The signatures are arranged in two columns. The left column includes: D'Andre Thompson, Lee Ann Garrison, Carol Schmitz, Ellen Rippeto, and Sharon Roulie. The right column includes: Janet Hammen, James Melton, and Lisa Driskel Hawxby. Below these, there are two more signatures: one in blue ink that appears to be "Melton" and another in black ink that appears to be "Roulie".

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Robert Almony, Kristin Gadsden, Lee Ann Garrison, Janet Hammen, Lisa Driskel Hawxby, James Melton,
Ellen Rippeto, Sharon Roulie, Carol Schmitz, Natalie Thomas, D'Andre Thompson, and Lili Vianello