

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER


NO. 05-40

DATE: February 2, 2005

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: MCGROARTY ARTS CENTER: PERMANENT PLACEMENT OF SCULPTURES IN SCULPTURE GARDEN

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Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the permanent placement of four sculptures at the McGroarty Arts Center Sculpture Garden.

SUMMARY:

In early May of 2004, Los Angeles area artist Lars Hawkes donated four sculptures to the McGroarty Arts Center, located at 7570 McGroarty Terrace in Tujunga. The Art Center is administered by the Cultural Affairs Department on Recreation and Parks Department property and run by the Friends of McGroarty Art Center. In the words of the artist: "Three of the sculptures are free form, colorfully abstract and playful, while the fourth is a study of the family that explores the emotional bonds between family members." The value of the four artist-donated sculptures is estimated to be between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

The four sculptures are each embedded on separate 12-inch concrete bases, and were approved by the Board of Public Works for structural stability. The dimensions are as follows: #1 stands 8½ feet tall, 7-feet wide; #2 stands 7½ -feet tall by 7-feet wide; #3 stands 11-feet high by 6½-feet wide; #4 stands 15-feet high by 7½ feet wide. A full set of the approved plans are on file in the Land Management and Real Estate Office. In May of 2004, the McGroarty Arts Center Sculpture Garden was awarded a Neighborhood Matching Grant of \$9,900 by the Board of Public Works for the installation of the four sculptures.

On June 24, 2004, a community meeting was held at the McGroarty Arts Center to show the donations to the neighborhood, and the comments were all positive and favorable. As a result, the donation was approved in concept by the Cultural Affairs Commission on October 7, 2004, pending final approval by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners. The Friends of

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McGroarty Arts Center has obtained all required permits and engineering approvals for the placement of the sculptures by the Department of Building and Safety, to be funded by the grant. The art work installations will not require any Department funds or additional staff time, and all maintenance and repairs will be performed by The Friends of the McGroarty Arts Center organization. The receipt and location of the four pieces of art has already been reviewed and approved by Department staff. District Two Councilmember Wendy Greuel has also written a letter approving the sculptures and their placement at the Arts Center.

Should the Department ever wish to remove the sculptures in the future, compliance with Civil Code Section 987 would be required.

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