

**Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services  
Memorandum #09-08**

**DATE:** May 14, 2009

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Kathleen M. Novak and City Council Members

**FROM:** William A. Simmons, City Manager *WAS*  
Amanda J. Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services *ajp*  
Michael Stricker, Recreation Supervisor, Theatre, Culture, & Senior Services *MS*

**SUBJECT:** CR-57 - Placement of the sculpture *Ascension* by Ryan Schmidt in Charles C. Winburn Park.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Attached to this memorandum is a Resolution, which, if approved, would allow the installation of the 2008 People's Choice winning sculpture *Ascension* by Ryan Schmidt in Charles C. Winburn Park. Also attached to this memorandum is a letter from the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation (NAHF) Board of Trustees that shows support for this recommendation.

**BACKGROUND:** *Ascension* was first chosen by a citizen's committee as one of the six sculptures to be a part of the 2008/09 Art on Parade. Visitors to E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park overwhelmingly voted for *Ascension* as the People's Choice winner of the six Art on Parade sculptures.

Historically, the NAHF have committed to purchasing the People's Choice winner and gifting the sculpture to the City of Northglenn as an addition to its growing sculpture collection. The NAHF is pleased to purchase *Ascension* and gift it to the City of Northglenn.

The NAHF recommends installation of *Ascension* in the path crossing at the center of Charles C. Winburn Park. This site is conducive to sculpture placement because of the high traffic exposure of Huron Street, the Farmer's Highline Canal trail and Winburn trail. *Ascension* is a very large, dramatic piece and will fit nicely in the large expanse of Winburn Park. The sculpture will be installed in the middle triangle of turf at the path crossing. This location is near the gazebo that sits on the North side of the Winburn ponds. Parks Foreman, Jim Urland, estimates this area to be one of the highest foot traffic areas in the City.

A photo of *Ascension* in the current, though temporary, location at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park is attached.

**BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS:** The artist, Ryan Schmidt, is from Alexander, Arkansas and is available to come to Colorado during the last weeks of May 2009. If this location is approved, plans will immediately be put into place for pouring a concrete pad that will support the sculpture and pedestal. All installation costs, including the cement pad, will be paid by the NAHF.

**STAFF REFERENCE:** Please contact Michael Stricker at [mstricker@northglenn.org](mailto:mstricker@northglenn.org) or by phone at 303.450.8727 for any further questions.



To: Amanda Peterson
From: Michael Stricker
Date: April 27, 2009
Re: Placement of Ascension by Ryan Scmidt

Dear Amanda:

On behalf of the Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation (NAHF), I would like to request that the following location be presented to City Council for the permanent installation of the sculpture, Ascension by Ryan Scmidt. We anticipate the installation to take place the week of May 18, 2009, with a likely public dedication May 20, 2009.

Proposed location: Charles C. Winburn Park (Ward 3)

The NAHF is requesting placement of Ascension in the path crossing at the center of Charles C. Winburn Park. The NAHF believes this location site is conducive to sculpture placement because of the high traffic exposure of Huron Street, the Farmer's Highline Canal trail and Winburn trail. Ascension is a very large, dramatic piece and will fit nicely in the large expanse of Winburn Park. The sculpture will be installed in the middle triangle of turf at the path crossing. This location is near the gazebo that sits on the North side of the Winburn ponds. Parks Forum, Jim Urland, estimates this area to be one of the highest foot traffic areas in the City.

Site preparation: A cement foundation will be laid at ground level. The custom pedestal that Ascension currently sits on will then be placed directly on the cement platform.

Following approval by the Northglenn City Council, I will need to present the proposed location to the Adams County SCFD Commission for approval, as well.

Please let me know your thoughts, etc.

All the best,

Handwritten signature of Michael Stricker

Michael Stricker
Director - Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation
Cultural Programs and Senior Center Supervisor - Northglenn Recreation Center

Arts & Humanities (vertical text)

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Photo of Ascension at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park



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COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-57  
Series of 2009

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A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLACEMENT OF A SCULPTURE KNOWN AS *ASCENSION* ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation (NAHF) has committed to purchasing the People's Choice winner as part of the Art on Parade program and gifting the sculptures to the City of Northglenn; and

WHEREAS, the sculpture *Ascension* by artist Ryan Schmidt was chosen as the 2008 People's Choice winner by the public; and

WHEREAS, the NAHF has recommended that *Ascension* be installed for permanent placement at the path crossing in the center of Charles C. Winburn Park.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Northglenn, Colorado hereby approves the placement of the sculpture *Ascension* in Charles C. Winburn Park.

DATED at Northglenn, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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KATHLEEN M. NOVAK  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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COREY Y. HOFFMANN  
City Attorney