

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Memorandum #15-2015

DATE: June 22, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor Joyce Downing and City Council Members

FROM: John Pick, City Manager *JP*
Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services *APP*
Michael Stricker, Recreation Supervisor, Cultural Programs & Senior Center *MS*

SUBJECT: CR-86 – Sculpture Garden Designation & Sculpture Placement

RECOMMENDATION: Staff and the NAHF Board of Trustees recommends approval of CR-86. Approval of this resolution would designate Eleanor M. Wyatt Centennial Park as a sculpture garden, accept the four gifted sculptures from the NAHF, and approve their placement within the park.

BACKGROUND: At the study session on May 4, 2014 staff presented the concept of a sculpture garden at Eleanor M. Wyatt Centennial Park and received consensus from Council to move forward with the project.

To recap, the NAHF Board of Trustees has held the development of a sculpture garden as an arts and culture priority since 2004. In June of 2011, with the assistance of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Programs Director Amanda Peterson, the NAHF Board of Trustees determined four significant possibilities for a location. These locations were evaluated based on the following criteria: accessibility; parking; aesthetic; nearness to restaurants and businesses; capacity for 10-20 public art installations; lack of conflict with other amenities; and safety. It was determined that Eleanor M. Wyatt Centennial Park met the criteria to the greatest degree. Being adjacent to the Northglenn Marketplace and ease of access were what greatly set the park apart from other options. Recent traffic counts show that Kennedy Drive, between Melody Drive and Acoma Street, experiences an average of 2,548 vehicles per day.

By designating a park to house a collection of varying works, Northglenn creates a *destination* for visitors to get to know our community, engage in art conversations, and experience the beautification of Northglenn. The open-air installation not only connects people, nature, and art, but becomes part of the economic development of a community. The Eleanor M. Wyatt Centennial Park and Sculpture Garden would invite citizens near and far to visit Northglenn and drive them to a location that is adjacent to a busy retail center in the City. The park is not heavily used for any other purpose. This allows for a very specific experience to be created without conflicting with other possible park uses.

Through Northglenn's Art on Parade selection process and two sculpture donations, the NAHF has four sculptures ready for installation in the garden:

- *The Shaman* by Pokey Park – 2013 People's Choice Winner (Purchased by NAHF)
- *Windswept* by Barry Ferich – 2013 Art on Parade Finalist (Donated by artist)
- *Butterfly Tree* by John King – 2014 People's Choice Winner (Will be purchased by NAHF in 2015)
- *The Eye* by Iugufelo – 2014 Art on Parade Finalist (Donated by artist)

NAHF proposes installing the four sculptures near the west end of the park as a starting point for the creation of the garden. By clustering the pieces, it will create the feeling of a garden, and installing near the west end of the park will invite visitors and passersby into the park more readily because the highest amount of traffic is near the roundabout. It will be a more remarkable visual as well when looking at the park sign. The cluster will be a starting point that additions can branch out from.

Future Art on Parade winners are not required to be placed in the sculpture garden, which will eventually hold between 10 and 20 sculptures. The garden will be developed over time – it could take 20 years to populate the space with sculpture. If the NAHF and City Council determine a better location somewhere else in the City for a

particular piece, there would be no problem in doing so. Park enhancements (seating areas, paths, etc.) will be proposed to City Council on an as-needed basis. The placement of these first four pieces do not require any specific park enhancements, and none are proposed at this time.

A fifth sculpture, *Double Spinner* by Lyman Whitaker (currently installed in the roundabout at Melody Dr. and Kennedy Dr.), was discussed at the study session for inclusion in this first installation. All sculpture placements are approved by City Council, the NAHF and the Adams County Cultural Council. Staff and the NAHF have not included this piece in this installation because it was determined that it would be best to first seek approval from the Adams County Cultural Council for the relocation of that piece. If the relocation of *Double Spinner* is approved by the Adams County Cultural Council and the NAHF agrees that moving that piece to the sculpture garden is most appropriate, a separate resolution will be brought forward to the Council at that time.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS: NAHF will continue to pay for sculpture installation supplies and materials, and the City maintenance crew will continue to provide labor; based on the long-standing Art on Parade budget and installation process.

If and when needed or desirable, City staff and the NAHF will work in partnership to provide any park amenity enhancements over time, such as paths and seating areas. The installation of the first four sculptures will not require any park enhancements.

The installation of the four sculptures is scheduled for July and August of 2015 with a public dedication target date in the early fall.

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COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-86
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A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE ELEANOR M. WYATT CENTENNIAL PARK AS A SCULPTURE GARDEN AND APPROVING THE PLACEMENT OF SCULPTURES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City of Northglenn recognizes that art in public places enhances the cultural and educational life of the community, improves the quality of life of its residents and enriches economic development in the City; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Eleanor M. Wyatt Centennial Park as a sculpture garden will create a destination for visitors to experience public art and beautification in the City of Northglenn; and

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

WHEREAS, the NAHF has recommended four sculptures be installed for permanent placement in the sculpture garden at Eleanor M. Wyatt Centennial Park: *The Shaman* by artist Pokey Park, 2013 People's Choice winner; *Windswept* by artist Barry Ferich, 2013 Art on Parade Finalist; *Butterfly Tree* by artist John King, 2014 People's Choice Winner; and *The Eye* by artist lugufelo, 2014 Art on Parade Finalist.

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 designates the Eleanor M. Wyatt Centennial Park as a sculpture garden in the City of Northglenn.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Northglenn, Colorado hereby accepts and approves the placement of the sculptures *The Shaman* by Pokey Park, *Windswept* by Barry Ferich, *Butterfly Tree* by John King, and *The Eye* by lugufelo in the sculpture garden in Eleanor M. Wyatt Centennial Park.

DATED at Northglenn, Colorado, this ____ day of _____, 2015.

JOYCE DOWNING
Mayor

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney