



**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE MEMORANDUM
#12-2019**

DATE: May 13, 2019

TO: Honorable Mayor Carol Dodge and City Council Members

THROUGH: Heather Geyer, City Manager 

FROM: Amanda J. Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture 
Michael Stricker, Recreation Supervisor for Cultural Programs & Senior Center

SUBJECT: CR-47 – Placement of Sculptures *Butterfly* and *Wings of Freedom*

PURPOSE

To consider CR-47, which, if approved, would allow the installation of the 2017/18 People's Choice winning sculpture *Butterfly* by California artist Patricia Vader at the Justice Center West (JCW) park property and the 2018/19 People's Choice winning sculpture *Wings of Freedom* by New Mexico artist Dimitry Domani Spiridon near the entrance of the Justice Center. Attachment 1 includes a letter from the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation (NAHF) Board of Trustees that shows support for this recommendation. Attachments 2 and 3 include photographs of the sculptures.

BACKGROUND

Historically, the NAHF has committed to purchasing the People's Choice winner and gifting the sculpture to the City of Northglenn as an addition to its growing public art collection. The NAHF has secured funding and is pleased to purchase both sculptures and gift them to the City of Northglenn. Attachment 4 includes a map of all existing sculpture locations within Northglenn.

Butterfly was first chosen by a citizen's committee as one of six sculptures to be a part of the 2016/17 Art on Parade. Visitors to E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park and residents of Northglenn were able to vote for their favorite sculpture via online or paper ballots. The playful, kinetic sculpture *Butterfly* was the 2016/17 winning sculpture. The sculpture is extremely tall at 18 feet, made up of a large steel post and recycled bicycle wheels. The piece was engineered to withstand Colorado wind loads.

The NAHF recommends installation of *Butterfly* on the west end of the undeveloped JCW park property. This site is conducive to sculpture placement because of high pedestrian and vehicle traffic and it can accommodate the large scale of the piece. If the park is developed in the future, the NAHF will pay for the costs associated with having the piece removed and re-installed in the location that is indicated in the park's master plan. Attachment 5 includes the proposed location.

During the 2017/18 Art on Parade, *Wings of Freedom* was chosen as the People's Choice winner. The high-quality bronze sculpture is approximately 6 feet tall and shows a dramatic flying eagle.

The NAHF recommends installation of *Wings of Freedom* in the planter directly in front of the Justice Center entrance. This site is conducive for placement due to the theme and aesthetic;

the piece provides added value to the entryway of Northglenn's newest facility. Chief May was consulted and provided support for the location. Attachment 5 includes the proposed location.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of CR-47 as presented.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

If these locations are approved, the two sculptures will be installed this summer. There is no financial impact to the city. All installation expenses, including any stone or concrete, and plaques, will be paid by the NAHF. As is standard, the City's Maintenance and Operations division, in collaboration with Cultural Programs staff, will source the necessary materials and complete the installation. Once both of the sculptures have been installed the NAHF will work with a local school to host a dedication ceremony.

Both sculptures will be added to the annual NAHF funded maintenance schedule.

STAFF REFERENCE

If Council members have any comments or questions they may contact Amanda Peterson by phone at 303.450.8950 or by email at apeterson@northglenn.org.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from the NAHF Board of Trustees
2. *Butterfly* Photograph
3. *Wings of Freedom* Photograph
4. City Sculpture Locations Map
5. Proposed Sculpture Locations Map



To: Amanda Peterson
From: Michael Stricker
Date: April 19, 2019
Re: Placement of Butterfly by Patricia Vader and Wings of Freedom by Dimitry Domani Spiridon

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, Butterfly by Patricia Vader and Wings of Freedom by Dimitry Domani Spiridon. We anticipate the installation to be June 2019 and dedication in the fall.

Proposed location: Justice Center "West Park"

The NAHF is requesting placement of Butterfly at the west park of the Justice Center. The sculpture would be placed at the west end of the park. The NAHF believes this location site is conducive to sculpture placement because of high pedestrian and vehicle traffic exposure. This location also accommodates the large scale of the work.

Site preparation: The sculpture will be installed directly to a concrete pad that will be paid for by the NAHF. In the event that the park is developed, the NAHF is committed paying for the removal and reinstallation of a concrete pad and the sculpture.

The NAHF is requesting placement of Wings of Freedom in the planter located near the front entrance of the Justice Center. Chief May was consulted and approved the location.

Site preparation: The sculpture will be installed directly to a large stone that will be paid for by the NAHF.

The NAHF has committed to adding the sculptures to the regular maintenance schedule. Please let me know your thoughts or if you have any questions.

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

NAHF Board of Directors

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Arts & Humanities (vertical text)

Butterfly by Patricia Vader

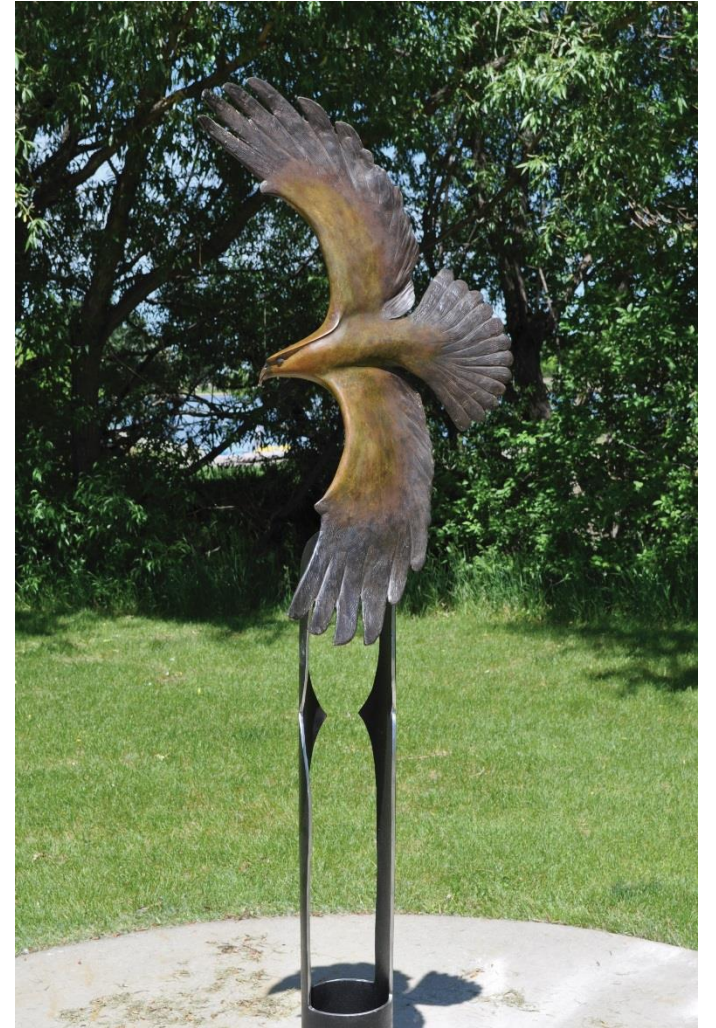
Medium: Steel & Recycled Bicycle Parts
Size: 18' tall



Wings of Freedom by Dimitry Domani Spiridon

Medium: Bronze

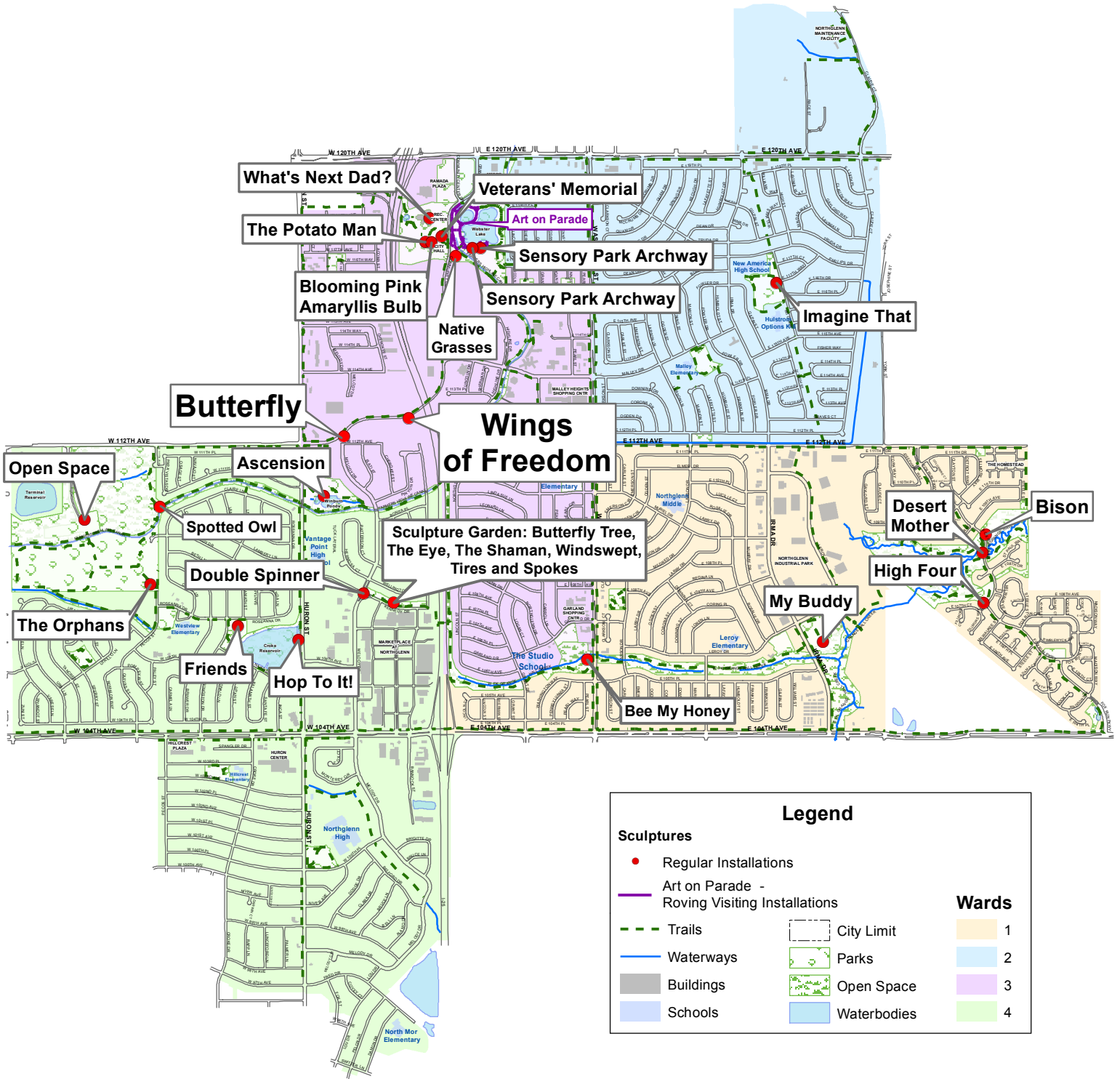
Size: 6' tall



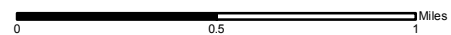


Sculpture Locations City of Northglenn, CO

Attachment 4



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Attachment 5

Proposed Location for *Butterfly*



Proposed Location for *Wings of Freedom*



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COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-47
Series of 2019

19-47
Series of 2019

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE SCULPTURES KNOWN AS *BUTTERFLY* AND *WINGS OF FREEDOM* AND APPROVING THE PLACEMENT OF THE SCULPTURES 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;

WHEREAS, the sculpture *Butterfly* by artist Patricia Vader was chosen as the 2017/2018 People's Choice winner by the public, and the sculpture *Wings of Freedom* by artist Dimitry Domani Spiridon was chosen as the 2018/2019 People's Choice winner; and

WHEREAS, the NAHF has recommended that *Butterfly* be installed at the Justice Center West Park property, and that *Wings of Freedom* be installed for permanent placement in the planter in front of the entrance to the Northglenn Justice Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 accepts the donation of the sculptures known as *Butterfly* and *Wings of Freedom* from the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Northglenn, Colorado hereby approves the placement of the sculpture *Butterfly* on the west end of the undeveloped Justice Center West Park property and the placement of the sculpture *Wings of Freedom* at the Northglenn Justice Center.

DATED at Northglenn, Colorado, this ____ day of _____, 2019.

CAROL A. DODGE
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney