

**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM #20-2017**

DATE: October 9, 2017
TO: Honorable Mayor Joyce Downing and City Council Members
FROM: James A. Hayes, AICP, City Manager *JH*
Amanda J. Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture *ajp*
Michael Stricker, Supervisor of Cultural Programs *MS*
SUBJECT: CR-102 - Placement of *See Through Other Eyes: Spotted Owl* Sculpture

PURPOSE

Attached to this memorandum is a Resolution, which, if approved, would accept ownership of the 2016/17 People's Choice winning sculpture *See Through Other Eyes: Spotted Owl* by Loveland artist Ellen Woodbury, and approve installation at the east trail entrance to Oscar Arnold Nature Area at Northwest Open Space.

BACKGROUND

See Through Other Eyes: Spotted Owl was first chosen by a citizen's committee as one of six sculptures to be a part of the 2016/17 Art on Parade. A photo of the sculpture is included as Attachment A. 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. *Spotted Owl* was the winning sculpture. Due to the original medium of the sculpture being Colorado Yule Marble, staff worked with the artist to create a more durable version of the sculpture for permanent installation. The marble sculpture was taken to a foundry in Loveland and turned into a bronze with a powder-coating creating a nearly exact copy. This successful process allowed for a more permanent installation and affordable maintenance schedule.

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 public art collection. The NAHF has secured funding and is pleased to purchase *Spotted Owl* and gift it to the City of Northglenn.

The NAHF recommends installation of *Spotted Owl* at the trail entrance, next to the Niver Canal, on the east side of Oscar Arnold Nature Area at Northwest Open Space. This site is conducive to sculpture placement because of high pedestrian traffic and perfectly fits the natural space. As during Art on Parade, a pedestal will be created using a large natural stump. The pedestal will be treated to age in place while remain long-lasting and durable. The sculpture is designed as an interactive peek-through experience and invites the viewer to look though the *owl's* eyes. The viewer will see Oscar Arnold Nature Area and have a perfect view of the mountains.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

There are no budgetary impacts to the city for the acceptance or placement of *See Through Other Eyes: Spotted Owl*. If this location is approved, the sculpture will be installed in late 2017, with a public dedication to follow. All installation costs, including the pedestal, concrete, and plaque, will be paid by the NAHF.

NEXT STEPS

If the resolution is approved, the City's Maintenance and Operations department in collaboration with Cultural Programs staff will source pedestal materials and install, as has been standard

practice for each of the sculptures in the collection. Once the installation is complete, the NAHF will select an appropriate time to hold a public dedication based on time-of-year and coordination with other public art projects and City events.

See Through Other Eyes: Spotted Owl will be added to the annual NAHF funded maintenance schedule.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the proposed Resolution as presented. 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

STAFF REFERENCE

For additional information, please contact Michael Stricker, Supervisor of Cultural Programs at mstricker@northglenn.org or 303.450.8727 or Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture at apeterson@northglenn.org or 303.450.8950.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A Photos of See Through Other Eyes: Spotted Owl
- Attachment B Letter from NAHF
- Attachment C Site Map





To: Amanda Peterson
 From: Rosie Garner, President
 Date: September 20, 2017
 Re: Placement of *Tires and Spokes* by Sean Mueller and *See Through Other Eyes: Spotted Owl* by Ellen Woodbury

Dear Amanda:

On behalf of the Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation (NAHF), I would like to request that the following locations be presented to City Council for the permanent installation of the sculptures, *Tires and Spokes* by Sean Mueller, and *See Through Other Eyes: Spotted Owl* by Ellen Woodbury. We anticipate installations in late 2017 with public dedications to follow.

***Tires and Spokes* Proposed location: Eleanor M. Wyatt Centennial Park and Sculpture Garden**

The NAHF is requesting placement of *Tires and Spokes* in the newly established City sculpture garden at Centennial Park. The sculpture would be placed within the west section of the park near the four permanent sculptures. The NAHF believes this location is conducive to sculpture placement because of high pedestrian and vehicle traffic exposure, and adds to the growing collection of the sculpture garden. The origin of the sculpture garden, approved in 2015, was to create a high-density area of sculpture within the City to create a destination that encourages residents and visitors to explore Northglenn.

***Spotted Owl* Proposed location: East trail entrance to Oscar Arnold Nature Area at Northwest Open Space**

The NAHF is requesting placement of *See Through Other Eyes: Spotted Owl* in the large triangle located at the east entrance of the Niver Canal and trail to the Oscar Arnold Nature Area. The sculpture would be placed within the triangle so that when looking through the owls eyes, the participant will see the nature area and mountains in the distance. The NAHF believes this location site is conducive to sculpture placement because of high pedestrian traffic and provides accessibility to public art on Northglenn's main trails. This location also works thematically; *Spotted Owl* represents the endangered Northern Spotted Owl that has small populations in Colorado. The artist says "As the forests are being cut down, the habitat of the Spotted Owl is disappearing, and consequently, so are the Spotted Owls. This sculpture is designed as an interactive peek-through experience and invites the viewer to see the world from the perspective of another being – to share the earth and make sure there is room for all creatures to live." We feel that *Spotted Owl* is perfect for the site.

Site preparation: Concrete pads will be poured for both sculptures. A steel pedestal will be created for *Tires and Spokes* and then attached directly to the concrete. A

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large stump and steel plate will be create for the *Owl* and attached to the concrete pad. NAHF will purchase the materials and any additional hard costs, and work with Maintenance and Operations to install.

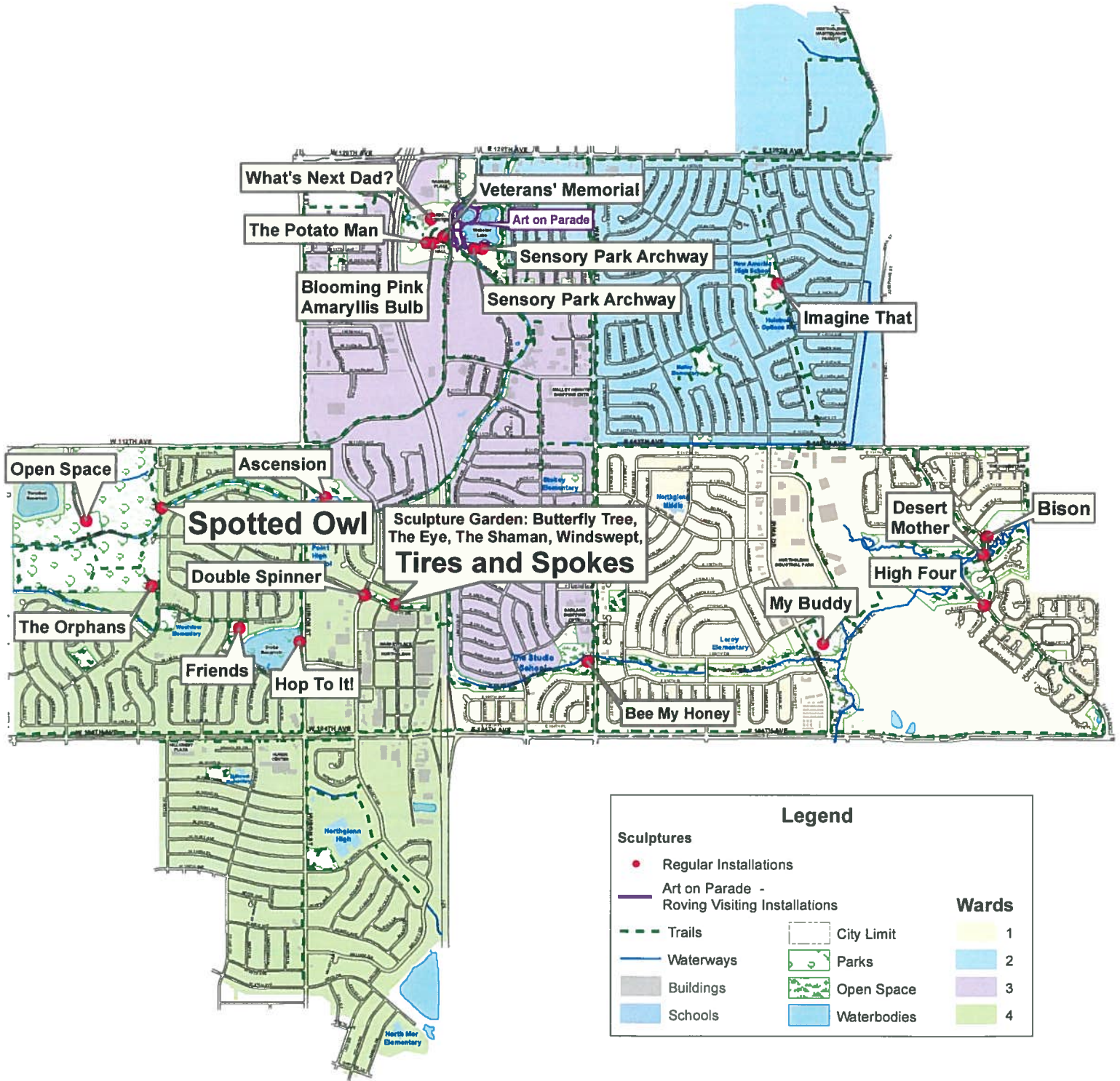
Please let me know your thoughts or if you have any questions.

All the best,

Rosie Garner
President– Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation

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COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-102
Series of 2017

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A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE SCULPTURE KNOWN AS *SEE THROUGH OTHER EYES: SPOTTED OWL* AND APPROVING THE PLACEMENT OF THE SCULPTURE 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 *See Through Other Eyes: Spotted Owl* by artist Ellen Woodbury was chosen as the 2016 People's Choice winner by the public; and

WHEREAS, the NAHF has recommended that *See Through Other Eyes: Spotted Owl* be installed for permanent placement at the east trail entrance to the Oscar Arnold Nature Area at Northwest Open Space.

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 sculpture known as *See Through Other Eyes: Spotted Owl* 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 *See Through Other Eyes: Spotted Owl* at the east trail entrance to the Oscar Arnold Nature Area at Northwest Open Space.

DATED at Northglenn, Colorado, this ____ day of _____, 2017.

JOYCE DOWNING
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney