



## City Council

### Special Recognition - West Bay Art Crossing Dedication

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#### Title

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#### Recommended Action

##### Committee Recommendation:

The Arts Commission recommends the City Council recognize and dedicate *Guardians: Fighter and Watcher* by Milo White and Lin McJunkin, located at the West Bay Drive Art Crossing, the first in a series of eight public art projects associated with the Olympia Art Crossings Project.

##### City Manager Recommendation:

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#### Report

##### Issue:

Whether to recognize and dedicate *Guardians: Fighter and Watcher* by Milo White and Lin McJunkin, located at the West Bay Drive Art Crossing, the first in a series of eight public art projects associated with the Olympia Art Crossings Project.

##### Staff Contact:

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##### Presenter(s):

Stephanie Johnson, Arts Program Manager  
Artists Milo White and Lin McJunkin

##### Background and Analysis:

The Olympia Arts Commission and Olympia Planning Commission have developed a Master Plan for placing unique public art at eight major "gateways" throughout the City. This accomplishes several goals:

- Places public art deep into Olympia's neighborhoods

- Contributes to a sense of community identity
- Introduces place making elements that help to define and bring together different areas of our community

The concept for the West Bay Art Crossing site was approved by City Council in January 2019. Developed with neighborhood participation, *Guardians* consists of two sculptures: *Fighter*, a 7-foot-tall salmon and *Watcher* a 14-foot-tall heron, that flank the road. Both are constructed of stainless steel and tempered glass, with solar-powered illumination.

The special recognition is a way to recognize the completion of the project and officially dedicate (accept) the art into the City's art collection.

More information and the project Master Plan can be found on the Olympia Art Crossing Project webpage.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

The Northwest Olympia Neighborhood Association (NWOA) has been very involved with this project, as has the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (CNA).

**Options:**

1. Recognize the completion of the project and officially dedicate (accept) the art into the City's art collection.
2. Do not recognize the completion of the project and officially dedicate (accept) the art into the City's art collection.
3. Recognize the completion of the project and officially dedicate (accept) the art into the City's art collection at another time.

**Financial Impact:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

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