



City Council

Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing Acceptance of a Donation of Seven Sculptures for the Installation “A Story Place” as a Gift of Art from Artist Nancy Thorne-Chambers

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

The Olympia Arts Commission recommends the City Council accept the donation of the seven bronze sculptures: *Rabbit, Bear, Toad, Fox, Fawn and Skunk*, and a stack of *Storybooks*.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve an Ordinance accepting the donation of the seven bronze sculptures *Rabbit, Bear, Toad, Fox, Fawn and Skunk*, and a stack of *Storybooks* as a gift of art from artist Nancy Thorne-Chambers.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve an Ordinance Authorizing Acceptance of a Donation of Seven Sculptures for the Installation “A Story Place” as a Gift of Art from Artist Nancy Thorne-Chambers on second reading.

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Presenter(s):

Stephanie Johnson, Arts Program Manager, Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation

Background and Analysis:

Background and analysis has not changed from first to second reading.

Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department (OPARD) received a donation offer from artist Nancy Thorne-Chambers for the gift of art of seven bronze sculptures, *Rabbit, Bear, Toad, Fox, Fawn and Skunk*, and a stack of *storybooks*. These seven sculptures will join three already owned by the

City: *Girl Reading in a Story Place, Pig Listening in a Story Place, and Mole Listening in a Story Place* to create the installation, *A Story Place*.

The Olympia Arts Commission reviewed the proposed gift of art and unanimously recommended the gift and donation for approval by the City Council.

There is a condition attached to this donation: That the sculptures be sited in a location close to a children's play area. City staff and the artist have agreed on a location at LBA Park.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

The art pieces will be enjoyed by the public once installed at the LBA Park.

Options:

1. Approve on first reading and forward to second reading, the ordinance accepting the Nancy Thorne-Chambers donation of the bronze sculptures *Rabbit, Bear, Toad, Fox, Fawn and Skunk*, and a stack of *storybooks*.
2. Do not approve the ordinance and do not accept the gift of art donation.

Financial Impact:

Although the sculpture will be donated, there may be future costs associated with maintenance and the ownership of the sculpture, including legal liabilities. If the gift of art donation is approved by Council, the City of Olympia would receive the donation by agreement, transferring ownership to the City without terms, conditions or restrictions other than noted above in the final paragraph of the Background and Analysis.

Attachments:

Ordinance
Agreement