



Public Art Donation Proposal

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Overview

The McKinney Arts Commission was recently advised that a local collector is interested in donating a sculpture to the city. The work is a reproduction of Frederick Remington's iconic sculpture, Coming Through the Rye.

Remington (1861-1909) was an American painter, illustrator, sculptor, writer and one of the most important and influential artists to portray the American West. During his career, Remington cast 22 different subjects. The copyrights have expired on these sculptures, resulting in copies in all shapes, sizes and colors. Remington bronze reproductions are not authenticated. Generally, authentic Remington bronzes are not available for less than \$75,000. The Amon Carter Museum in Ft. Worth has an extensive collection of his works.

The original bronze, created in 1902, is one of the largest pieces created by Remington - standing 29" high by 30" wide and weighing approximately 300 pounds. The reproduction is similar in size and is also cast in bronze. The piece is owned by Linda Pinkham of McKinney and is being offered to the City for placement in a public venue.

Procedures

If approved by the Arts Commission at the October meeting, a recommendation to accept the donation as part of the City's Public Art Collection will be sent to the City Council.

City of McKinney Public Art Administrative Guidelines

Gifts and Loans: Private individuals, foundations, corporations or other organizations may wish to give or loan the City of McKinney work or works of art for public display. These gifts and loans can enrich the City's public spaces.

For permanent gifts and loans that would be on display for ninety days or more, the recommendations from City staff and the Arts Commission regarding acceptance of the gift or loan will be forwarded to City Council for approval.

Once the loan or gift has been approved, a written agreement will be prepared detailing the roles and responsibilities of the City of McKinney and the entity lending or donating the work of art.

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Requirements

The proposed donation is cost neutral, in its current location:

- Additional and/or special insurance is not required.
- There are no anticipated maintenance or conservation costs.
- Delivery of the piece to the city would need to be arranged.

Before accepting the donation, the Arts Commission must determine if the sculpture supports the vision and goals for public art as established in the master plan. Points to consider include:

- As a reproduction, which has been mass-produced in various sizes and materials, does the work demonstrate excellence in aesthetic quality, workmanship, and creativity?
- If accepted, the piece would need to be placed in a secured area.
- The value of the reproduction, based on online research at Amazon and Ebay is approximately \$4,000.

Next Steps

If the donation is approved by the Arts Commission, a recommendation will be sent to the City Council. Following Council's approval, a written agreement will be prepared to detail the roles and responsibilities of the City of McKinney and the owners of the work.
