



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. VII.T.
9/29/2015

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: James D. Couch, City Manager

Gift Acceptance Agreement with Coles Garden LLC, authorizing acceptance of donated public art from Susan E. Coles, in memory of Allen E. Coles, for placement at Woodson Park, Fire Station No. 26, Kitchen Lake, and William Harn Freemont Gardens. Wards 3, 4 and 7.

Location Woodson Park, Fire Station No. 26, Kitchen Lake, and William Harn Freemont Gardens

Purpose To accept five purchased outdoor sculptures, donated by Susan E. Coles, in memory of Allen E. Coles, for various public sites in Oklahoma City.

Background Coles Garden LLC was established by the late Allen E. Coles and his wife Susan E. Coles as a public art garden and exhibition center on NE 63rd in Oklahoma City. Following Mr. Coles death, the gardens were sold and the public art was retained by Coles Garden LLC and placed in storage.

Coles Garden LLC now desires to donate five purchased outdoor sculptures made of corten steel, by the late artist EM Reynolds, to various public sites in Oklahoma City.

The Oklahoma City Arts Commission considered these donations at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 20, 2015 (Item Nos. VI, VII, VIII, IX and X), and recommends that City Council accept the donations for installation at these sites.

Preparation, transport, permits and installation will be carried out through a contract with the City's Art Handler. Four sites will be funded as authorized by the 1% for Art ordinance, Ordinance No. 23,935, adopted by City Council on September 15, 2009 (Item No. IX.A.). The ordinance establishes a requirement that 1% of budgeted expenditures for construction of new buildings, major renovation of existing buildings, and significant park development, located on City land or right-of-way, be set aside for public art. The remaining site will be funded by the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative for the restoration and playground improvements to the William Harn Fremont Gardens.

Source of Funds Fund 750 Special Purpose Fund, 1% for Arts various operating units and accounts
Grants Management - DEPT OF HSG & URB DEVEL-RSTR - CDBG
ENTITLEMENT B-12-MC-40-0003
(019-6140-2408000-G80165)

Review Planning Department

Recommendation: Agreement be approved.