

ITEM: Consider authorizing Lake Elmo Arts Center to locate a statue of a horse on city property at 3585 Laverne Avenue

REQUESTED BY: Robert Meyer, Executive Director, Lake Elmo Arts Guild
(on behalf of the board)

SUBMITTED BY: Susan Hoyt, City Administrator

REVIEWED BY: Parks Commission

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: The city council is being asked to authorize the Lake Elmo Arts Center on city owned property at 3585 Laverne Avenue. The Lake Elmo Arts Center leases the property from the city. The proposed sculpture is of a 7 foot tall horse, Haiku the Horse, made of iron (probably bronze). It was and is designed by a local area artist, Faiana Aguilera. The sculpture would be mounted in a location on the north side of the Center (see Attachment 1). The sculpture will be fabricated by Don Hammer. All materials will be donated. The park commission reviewed the request for this to be on city property that was purchased for park use in the past and has endorsed the concept. If the city council authorizes the Lake Elmo Art Center to proceed with this concept, it is recommended that the city draft an agreement for city council approval clarifying the ownership, roles and responsibilities for the sculpture.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Selection - Haiku was chosen by the Center because of the large horse population in the area and the combination of a written art form – Haiku poetry
- Final design - Community input will be received to develop the final design of the Haiku horse. The Center Board will approve the final design and communicate it to the city.
- Communication – By the Center, just to get the word out so there are no surprises in the area with neighbors and to neighbors and community members.
the community (Noting that this is not a city funded activity may be useful information to communicate.)
- Donations - Time and materials for all aspects of the sculpture will be donated
- Location - The north side of the Center on the lawn.
(The city should approve the final location by specifying it in the agreement and reviewing it to make sure that it is not in the right of way and does not impede visibility from the street for public safety purposes.)
- Dimensions 7 foot tall; 2 feet 5 inches across chest; height at withers is 16 hands
- Ownership - By the Lake Elmo Arts Center
- Construction of sculpture - By community volunteers, who will be fabricating pieces of the sculpture

Construction on site -

By the Lake Elmo Arts Center will put up the sculpture with approval by the city as to the method used to construct the sculpture to assure public health and safety. (The city will want assurances that the sculpture is completed within a specific time frame.)

Maintenance - By the Lake Elmo Arts Center

Removal - By the Lake Elmo Arts Center if it is voluntary to move it to a different location. (It is suggested that the city must concur with the moving of the sculpture since it will likely be an established art piece in the neighborhood).

The city shall retain the authority to require removal or to remove should there be a threat to public health and safety or because of a park or public improvement in the area and to return it to the Center. (The agreement can determine what entity covers these costs).

Insurance - The Center proposes that the city insure the property for property damage and injury. (The city will need to confirm this.)

Timeline - Project underway in August, 2007

RECOMMENDATION

Proceed with the idea of a sculpture on city property, if so desired, as way to promote community art. Require an agreement that will clarify roles and responsibilities between the Center and the city.

SUGGESTED MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

Move to authorize the Lake Elmo Arts Center to locate a sculpture of Haiku Horse on city property at 3585 La Verne Avenue contingent upon an approved agreement between the Lake Elmo Arts Center and the City regarding this project.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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| • Introduction | Susan Hoyt, City Administrator |
| • Presentation | Robert Meyers, Lake Elmo Art Center |
| • Questions to the | |
| • Presenter | Mayor and Council members |
| • Questions from the | |
| public to the city council, | |
| if any (3 minute maximum) | Mayor facilitates |
| • Call for a motion | Mayor |
| (required for discussion, | |
| does not mean approval) | |
| • Discussion | Mayor and Council members |
| • Action | City Council |

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Air photo of Center
- 2 Information on Haiku Horse