



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: February 17, 2015
Item Number: F-1
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Assistant Director of Community Services
Subject: RECOMMENDATION BY FINE ART COMMISSION CITY COUNCIL LIAISONS BOSSE AND GOLD TO ACCEPT DONATION BY CAROL WISEMAN ESTATE OF WOODS DAVY ART PIECE *UNTITLED* TO BE PLACED AT COLDWATER CANYON RESERVOIR WALKING TRACK AND REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE ESTATE

Attachments:

1. Pictures of Woods Davy *Untitled*
2. Picture of proposed placement of *Untitled*

RECOMMENDATION

Fine Art Commission City Council liaisons Bosse and Gold and the Fine Art Commission recommend that the City Council accept the donation of *Untitled* by Woods Davy from the estate of Carol Wiseman. The liaisons and Commission further recommend that the piece be placed on the center planted portion of Coldwater Canyon Reservoir Park, viewable from the walking track.

INTRODUCTION

Woods Davy is an American born artist who frequently works in stone and wood sculpture. *Untitled* was created in 1989 and is a free standing sculpture of a series of stones balanced (attached to) on angled steel beams. The piece was acquired by Ms. Wiseman from the artist and it was appraised in 2007 at a value of \$30,000. *Untitled* measures 10' x 5'2" and weighs approximately 1700 pounds.

The piece has been fully restored. The cost to transport and install the piece would be paid for by the Wiseman estate. The placement of the piece has been approved by the Recreation and Parks Commission. Project Administration has verified that the location in Coldwater Canyon Reservoir Park can withstand the weight of the piece.

DISCUSSION

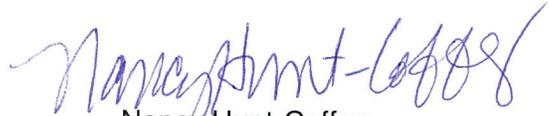
Representatives of the Carol Wiseman estate contacted the Fine Art Commission regarding the donation of Untitled by Woods Davy to the City of Beverly Hills.

The piece had been installed in the garden of Ms. Wiseman's home, but had been removed and sent to an art conservator to be restored. The Commission voted to accept the piece and place it in the center portion of the walking track Coldwater Canyon Reservoir Park. Liaisons Bosse and Gold endorse accepting the piece as well as the placement location.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Carol Wiseman estate would donate the piece and has already paid to have it completely restored. The estate would also pay for the transportation and placement of the piece. The long term cost to the City would be for maintenance. Rosa Lowinger and Associates, the City's art restoration firm, estimates that the annual cost for maintenance would be approximately \$1520. These costs could be paid from the Fine Art Fund which is reserved for art related expenditures.

Don Rhoads, Director of
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Nancy Hunt-Coffey

Approved By

Attachment 1

Woods Davey proposed donation



Attachment 2

Woods Davey proposed location

