



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: May 5, 2015
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Assistant Director of Community Services
Subject: Placement of the *Center Obelisk* by Joan Brown in the Planter Area at the Northwest Corner of the Library
Attachments: Rendering of *Center Obelisk* in planter

INTRODUCTION

The Fine Art Commission has considered numerous possible locations for Joan Brown's *Center Obelisk*. The piece was originally approved by the City Council to be placed in the planter outside the Library. However, once the Rexford intersection was reconfigured the Commission subsequently contemplated another location that was not approved by the City Council. As a result, unless otherwise directed, the Commission will move forward with installing the *Center Obelisk* in the planter outside the Library as was originally approved by the City Council.

DISCUSSION

The *Center Obelisk* by Joan Brown was originally installed at 9326/9346 Civic Center Dr. to satisfy that location's fine art obligation. With the recent renovations at that site, the owners requested and were given permission by the Fine Art Commission and the City Council to donate the piece to the City along with \$75,000 to provide for the restoration, installation and ongoing costs associated with the piece. At the December 14, 2012 meeting, the City Council approved the placement of this piece in the northwest planter outside the Library. However, with the reconstruction of Rexford Dr. at the Civic Center parking structure entrance, the Commission felt the piece might be more appropriate in the northeast corner planter, closer to the Police department. This location, however, was not approved by the City Council. After considering many other possible locations, the Commission recommends installing the piece at the location that was originally approved by the City Council and the Fine Art Commission—in the planter at the northwest corner of the Library.

FISCAL IMPACT

All funding required for restoration, installation and ongoing maintenance was provided by the owners of 9326/9346 Civic Center Dr.

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RECOMMENDATION

The Fine Art Commission recommends placement of the Center Obelisk in the northwest corner planter of the Library as was approved by City Council at their meeting on December 14, 2012. As City Council previously approved this location, staff will proceed with placing the piece at this location unless otherwise directed by the City Council.


Nancy Hunt-Coffey
Approved By

Attachment 1



