



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Minneapolis Arts Commission

Date: August 20, 2002
To: Zoning and Planning Committee
Referral to: Ways and Means Committee

Subject: Acceptance and Maintenance of Works of Public Art Commissioned through the Art in Public Places Program

Recommendation Accept the East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Gateway.

Previous Directives

- December 30, 2002, Petn. No. 26844, Approving the process of final acceptance of works of art by the City.

Prepared by: Mary Altman, Public Art Administrator

Approved by: The Minneapolis Arts Commission on November 20, 2002
Chuck Ballentine, Planning Director _____

Presenters in Committee: Mary Altman, Public Art Administrator

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
 Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
 Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
 Action requires use of contingency or reserves
 Other financial impact (Explain):

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification: None
City Goals: None
Comprehensive Plan: 6.5, 6.6
Zoning Code: None
Other: Public Art Values and Goals—4.2.6. Use Resources Wisely: Develop and sustain projects in a cost-effective manner.

Background/Supporting Information Attached

In December 2002, the Minneapolis City Council approved a recommendation from the City Attorney's Office and the Planning Department to document the City's ownership of artworks through official Council Action.

Gateway Milestones:

- 1999 The Minneapolis Arts Commission selected the East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood and Lyndale Park as a site for the Neighborhood Gateways program.
- December 2001 Teri Kwant and Greg Ingraham were selected as the artists for the Gateway by an artist selection panel (which included two Arts Commissioners).
- June 2002 The East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Gateway was dedicated in Lyndale Park. The East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Gateway Steering Committee approved the artwork.
- July 16, 2002 The Minneapolis arts Commission formally accepted the artwork.

The artwork, "A Pathway to Peace," includes a series of seven sculptural cairns which form the East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Gateway. Cairns are piles of stones used throughout history to designate a path, convey a message or help explorers to find their way. The seven limestone cairns are along 40th Street and Roseway Road. The gateway encourages viewers to consider the meaning of peace in their lives, through engraved two-word phrases such as "encourage integrity," "remember humanity" and "overcome fear." This text was gathered from many sources, including East Harriet community members. The seven cairns are located in Lyndale Park begin on the corner of 40th Street and Bryant Avenue South, progress along Roseway Road and conclude at the Peace Garden.

(Map and photo of final sculptures attached.)