



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of CPED Planning and the Minneapolis Arts Commission

Date: Monday, November 1, 2010

To: Council Member Betsy Hodges, Ways and Means Budget Committee Chair

Subject: Proposed Gift of artwork by Bob Perrizo entitled *Out of the Mist*

Recommendation: Recommend acceptance of gift of artwork by Bob Perrizo entitled *Out of the Mist*

Previous Directives: **Approval by** Public Art Advisory Panel, 10/06/10, **Approved by** Minneapolis Arts Commission, 10/20/10

Department Information

Prepared by: Matthew James, Cultural Arts Coordinator, 612-673-5449

Approved by: Barbara Sporlein, Planning Director _____

Presenters in Committee: Matthew James

Financial Impact None

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification: None Required
- City Goals: Livable Healthy Communities, *Plentiful Arts*
- Comprehensive Plan: Arts and Culture, *Access to rich and meaningful arts*
- Public Art Goals: 8.4.1(excellence in design), 8.4.2 (celebration of identity), 8.4.6 (wise use of resources)

Supporting Information



Out of the Mist (oil on canvas, 24 x 36 inches) by Bob Perrizo celebrates the arrival of the North West Company voyageurs at the terminus of a 1,500-mile trek from Montreal to the west end of Lake Superior each summer where trade goods were exchanged for valuable furs. The 36-foot Montreal canoes held 7 to 12 men and had a capacity of 4 tons.

This project originated when artist and historian Bob Perrizo contacted the Alliance Française of Minneapolis/St Paul regarding the 350th celebration of the French arriving in Minnesota. The goal was to mark this important event in Minnesota history. Mr. Perrizo had been researching their arrival for the past three years. The Alliance Française readily accepted Mr. Perrizo's work for an exhibit commemorating the arrival of the French. The exhibit opened on August 14, 2010 at the Alliance Française on 1st Street N. in Minneapolis with City Council President Johnson in attendance.

As a non-profit organization, the Alliance Française made the opening event and exhibit available to the public and free of charge. Local media was contacted to relay this invitation and announcements appeared in neighborhood newspapers and on mpr.org as well as on the Alliance Française website.

In consultation with City Clerk, Casey Carl and City Council President Assistant, Sara Goodnough, the following locations were under consideration: City Clerk reception area, City Council reception area, City Coordinator reception area, Elections reception area, Human Resources reception area and Mayor's Office reception area. The piece will be exhibited behind the desk in the reception area of the City Council Offices. The existing reproduction of the original city hall can be moved to the City Clerk's office. There are historic photographic reproductions in this space that would be complimented by moving the piece to this space.

There are no specific funds for maintaining the artwork. The life of the artwork will be extended by placement away from natural sunlight and extremes of hot and cold, which was a factor in determine placement of the piece.

The copyright agreement requested by the artist is that all reproductions of the work be reserved for sole permission by the artist.

Please refer to www.artrendezvous.com for more information about the artist and his work.