



Item No. 12 Town of Atherton

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT – REGULAR AGENDA

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GEORGE RODERICKS, CITY MANAGER

DATE: JULY 21, 2021

SUBJECT: CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF A SCULPTURE DONATION FOR THE LIBRARY DECK FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE ATHERTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

RECOMMENDATION

Consider acceptance of a sculpture donation for the Library Deck from the Friends of the Atherton Community Library.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

On behalf of the Friends of Atherton Community Library (FACL), Sandy Crittenden reached out to discuss the FACL Board's recent decision to donate a sculpture to the new Atherton Library.

The concept for a commissioned bronze sculpture was agreed upon by all Board Members of the FACL. The FACL created a Subcommittee to consider it further before bringing back concepts for the review and subsequent approval. The Subcommittee initially focused on selecting a bronze sculptor of the highest quality. The Board unanimously selected American bronze sculptor Matt Glenn, of Big Bronze, Utah, as the artist from whom they would commission this piece.

From concept through development to design the goal for the piece was to create a sculpture that would welcome and encourage the library's youngest readers, ages 1-10, along with visitors of all ages, into the wonderful and joyful world of literature. The Subcommittee carefully considered copyright related issues and chose to create a character of their own.

The proposed location of the sculpture is along the deck of the main entrance of the new Library. The piece will be life-size standing 5-6' tall making it easy to move to the best location for Library staff and visitor's enjoyment. It would be placed so that children of all ages will be able to easily sit next to it creating a natural photo opportunity.

The project timing will be set once the City Council has approved acceptance of the donation. Once approved, the sculpture will be ordered with an estimated time of arrival in 9-12 months, upon receipt of FACL's firm order. At the time of order the FACL will invest 50% of the purchase price of (\$10,000.00 dollars), up front, per the conditions. The balance would be due upon

inspection and approval of the FACL Subcommittee upon completion. Subcommittee members met with Anne-Marie Despain, who represents the San Mateo County Library System, to present this project and discuss timing of the eventual arrival of the commissioned piece. The timing would be close to the one-year anniversary of the new Library. Anne-Marie accepted the concept and agreed to the estimated timing as well.

The FACL will cover 100% of the purchase price, including inspection, shipping, insurance, and installation expenses associated with this donation.

POLICY FOCUS

The policy focus for the Council is whether or not to accept the donation from the Friends of the Library for placement on the Library Deck.

FISCAL IMPACT

The purchase and installation of the sculpture is fully funded by the Friends of the Library. There would be no impact to the Town's General Fund.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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COMMISSION/COMMITTEE FEEDBACK/REFERRAL

This item ___ has or X has not been before a Town Committee or Commission.

- ___ Audit/Finance Committee (meets every other month)
- ___ Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee (meets as needed)
- ___ PMC & Civic Center Advisory Committee (meets as needed)
- ___ Environmental Programs Committee (meets every other month)
- ___ Park and Recreation Committee (meets each month)
- ___ Planning Commission (meets each month)
- ___ Rail Committee (meets every other month)
- ___ Transportation Committee (meets every other month)

ATTACHMENTS

Image of Sculpture



PROJECT NAME: Book Frog

CLIENT NAME:

DATE: May 3, 2021

