

Introduced by _____ Council Bill No. R 44-06

A RESOLUTION

approving a plan for the installation of two bronze sculptures in Flat Branch Park.

WHEREAS, local artist Larry Young has previously created a six foot bronze sculpture titled "Marathon Man" an abstract depiction of a male figure in running motion; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Young plans to design a companion piece titled "Marathon Woman"; and

WHEREAS, the total value of these pieces will be approximately \$60,000; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Young is willing to cast these pieces and assist with installation in Flat Branch Park for the sum of \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, First National Bank has proposed making a \$30,000 gift to the City so that the City may commission "Marathon Man" and "Marathon Woman" and install both pieces in Flat Branch Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City approves the plan to accept a gift of \$30,000 from First National Bank for the purpose of commissioning "Marathon Man" and "Marathon Woman" and installing both pieces in Flat Branch Park.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2006.

ATTEST:

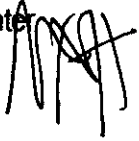
City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer


APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor

Source:

Hunter 

Agenda Item No. _____

TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager and Staff 
DATE: January 31, 2006
RE: Gift of Art for Flat Branch Park

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Commission on Cultural Affairs has approved a proposed gift of sculpture to the city and is forwarding the matter to Council for consideration, according to the city's policy on accepting gifts of works of art. If approved, the two large bronze sculptures would be made by Columbia artist Larry Young for Flat Branch Park.

DISCUSSION:

First National Bank has proposed making a gift of \$30,000 to the city for the purpose of commissioning Mr. Young to create two works of art for placement at Flat Branch Park. Titled *Marathon Man* and *Marathon Woman*, the works would be cast bronze and would each be approximately six feet tall (without base/pedestal). Young describes them as "abstract depictions of a male figure and a female figure, both shown in running motion." He says that the subject matter reflects his life-long interest in fitness. Young is a well known local artist with a national reputation. Locally, his works can be seen at Columbia College and Boone Hospital Center.

Marathon Man is an existing work (see attached image) that Young would re-casting for the site. *Marathon Woman* has not yet been fully designed, but Young says it is a concept he has considered for sometime and that he envisions it as a companion piece to *Marathon Man*, similar in overall theme and appearance. Young has agreed to provide the two works to the city for the amount to be donated by First National Bank, \$30,000. In a gallery setting, *Marathon Man* lists at approximately \$32,000; Mr. Young estimates that *Marathon Woman* would be listed at \$28,000.

Staff of the Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) have followed the guidelines set out in the city's policy on accepting gifts of works of art and has worked with the Parks and Recreations Department on the logistics of her proposed gift. They are as follows:

- Parks and Recreation (P&R) staff are aware of and support the proposed gift
- installation of the works would be handled by P&R as part of the overall cost of completing the Park
- as is the case with new Percent for Art projects, a maintenance fund of approximately 10% of the project cost ought to be established, in this case, \$3,000 – to facilitate such P&R is willing to provide a portion of the fund and the rest could be from Share the Light donations received for public art programming

The Commission on Cultural Affairs unanimously endorsed accepting the gift at their January 9 meeting and voted to forward the proposal to City Council for review. Should Council concur with the Commission on Cultural Affairs, OCA staff will work with P&R and the artist to develop a timeline for the project.

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Adopt the resolution accepting the works of art for display at Flat Branch Park.

Fiscal Impact

YES

NO

Other Info.

GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTING GIFTS OF WORKS OF ART

adopted by City Council in December 1996

Accepting Gifts

An ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the City Code to establish procedures and guidelines for accepting gifts of works of art; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, MO, is hereby amended by establishing a new section 2-237 to read as follows:

Section 2-237. Gifts of works of art; procedures and guidelines for acceptance.

- (a) Persons wishing to donate works of art to the City shall submit the following information to the manager of the Office of Cultural Affairs:
 - (1) A description of the work of art including the dimensions;
 - (2) The proposed display site, if a particular site is preferred;
 - (3) If the work of art has not been completed, relevant information on the artist;
 - (4) The estimated value of the work of art;
 - (5) An estimate of any cost to the city for installing the work (including such items as cost of removal from and restoration of an existing site, relocation costs, and site preparation costs);
 - (6) If applicable, the identity of the persons installing the work and the manner in which the installation shall be accomplished;
 - (7) A description of any repair or restoration work needed and an estimate of the cost of such repair or restoration;
 - (8) A description of any necessary maintenance procedures and an estimate of the annual cost of such maintenance.

The manager of the Office of Cultural Affairs, to the extent feasible, shall assist potential donors in assembling this information.

- (b) The manager of Cultural Affairs shall forward information received on a proposed gift of a work of art to the Commission on Cultural Affairs and if applicable, to the department head in charge of the proposed display site.
- (c) The Commission on Cultural Affairs shall make a recommendation to the City Council on whether to accept the proposed gift of a work of art. In making its recommendation, the Commission shall consider the following factors:
 - (1) The quality of the work of art;
 - (2) If the work has not been completed, the ability of the artist;
 - (3) The appropriateness of locating the work of art at the proposed display site;
 - (4) Any proposed restrictions on the gift;
 - (5) The technical feasibility of accepting and installing the work of art;
 - (6) The cost to the city of accepting the work of art.

In considering a proposed gift of a work of art, the Commission shall consider the comments of the department head in charge of the proposed display site and the comments of any authorities or experts with whom the Commission has consulted.

- (d) The City Council shall decide whether to accept or reject works of art offered to the City.

