

Memorandum 14-048 Acceptance of a Bronze Bust of Brother Asaiah Into the Municipal Art Collection

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TO: MAYOR WYTHE AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE
THROUGH: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK
DATE: MARCH 5, 2014

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF A BRONZE BUST INTO THE MUNICIPAL ART COLLECTION AND PLACEMENT ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY OR IN A CITY OWNED FACILITY

BACKGROUND

The Public Arts Committee held a Special meeting on January 9, 2014 to review the application for a donation of a bronze bust as a memorial to Brother Asaiah Bates. The outcome of that meeting was to recommend City Council hold a Public Hearing to allow more public comment on the statue and placement and to forward the action for comment and recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission since the donation requested permanent placement in a city owned park.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission upheld the Public Arts Committee recommendation to gather further public comment at their regular meeting on January 16, 2014.

During the regular City Council meeting on January 27, 2014 action was postponed on Resolution 14-024 and the item was remanded to the Public Arts Committee to conduct the public hearing.

During a special meeting on February 27, 2014 the Public Arts Committee held a public hearing on the acceptance of a bronze bust of Brother Asaiah Bates and permanent placement on the top of the large rock in WKFL Park. After careful consideration the following motion was approved by roll call vote. The minutes of that meeting are attached for your review.

FELLOWS/PERSON - MOVED NOT TO ACCEPT THE BUST OF BROTHER ASIAH INTO THE MUNICIPAL ART COLLECTION.

There was a brief discussion on the generosity of the donation even though the community was not in favor.

VOTE. NO. PERSON.

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VOTE. YES. FELLOWS. MILLER.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the motion to not accept the donation of the life size bronze bust of Brother Asaiah Bates into the Municipal Art Collection.

Related Resolutions **Memorandum - Related Resolutions:** [Resolution 14-023 Accepting the Donation of a Life-Size Bronze Bust of Brother Asaiah Bates](#)

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