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MEMORANDUM 10-69

TO: MAYOR HORNADAY AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
THROUGH: CITY MANAGER WALT WREDE *W. Wrede*
FROM: PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE
DATE: APRIL 15, 2010
RE: JEAN KEENE MEMORIAL ON THE HOMER SPIT

Introduction :

Brad Hughes has been commissioned to create a sculpture as a memorial tribute to Jean Keene, Homer's "Eagle Lady". The sculpture would be placed to the left of the Sea Farer's Memorial when facing the water. This placement will form a "frame" by mimicking the placement of the ship's bell on this site.

The memorial will be constructed as a bas relief sculpture of Eagles viewed from the roadside and a seat on the water side which will offer the public a place for rest, contemplation and enjoyment of Kachemak Bay.

The materials to be used are similar to the ones in the signage for the Homer Public Library. The memorial will be designed and constructed to prevent water retention, ice, and withstand most or all forms of possible vandalism. The materials will be durable and withstand the effects of weatherization for an extended number of years.

The excerpt of the minutes of the special meeting on April 15, 2010 is included in the attached.

Budget Impact:

There will or should be no monetary impact to the budget due to the materials the artist will be using in the construction of the memorial. The sculpture is completely financed by private donations through the Homer Council on the Arts. All costs associated with the design, construction and placement of the memorial tribute will be paid directly from these private sources. The Public Arts Committee request a separate fund or line item within the Budget to direct funds required for maintenance of donations be established.

Maintenance Requirement:

The Public Arts Committee recommends City Council include as a proviso of acceptance and approval a maintenance fee of \$1,000.00 be included with the donation of the memorial tribute to defray possible future maintenance requirements.

Recommendation:

The Public Arts Committee recommends City Council accept the donation of the proposed memorial tribute, inclusive of a \$1000 maintenance fee; and approve the placement of the memorial tribute to Homer's Eagle Lady, Jean Keene within the proximity of the Sea Farer's Memorial. It is further recommended that City Council approve the establishment of a budgetary fund or line item to deposit and disperse funds for maintenance of the donated artwork.