

1 **CITY OF HOMER**
2 **HOMER, ALASKA**

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4 City Clerk/PARCAC

5 **RESOLUTION 24-006**

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7 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
8 APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF A LIGHTHOUSE
9 SCULPTURE CREATED BY MOOSERUN METALSMITHS OF HOMER,
10 ALASKA, COMMISSIONED BY THE STUART CRAIG FAMILY TO BE
11 LOCATED IN THE GARDENS AT THE BAYCREST HILL OVERLOOK
12 AND INCLUDED IN THE CITY OF HOMER MUNICIPAL ART
13 COLLECTION.

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15 WHEREAS, Many residents and visitors find the view of the Kachemak Bay when topping
16 the rise at Baycrest entrancing, whether it is their first time or 100th time, and having the feeling
17 of being “home” when they see the spectacular view of natural wonder and beauty; and
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19 WHEREAS, The proposed sculpture of a lighthouse made of powder coated steel, rising
20 to the height of five feet fixed with a solar powered light, will provide tribute of a centuries old
21 system of showing the way home and safe navigation; and
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23 WHEREAS, The Parks, Art, Recreation, and Culture Commission (PARCAC) have
24 reviewed the donation to the City of Homer and recommended that City Council approve and
25 accept the sculpture for inclusion in the Municipal Art Collection.
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27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, hereby
28 approves and accepts the donation of a Lighthouse Sculpture created by Mooserun
29 Metalsmiths of Homer, Alaska, commissioned by the Stuart Craig Family to be Located in the
30 Gardens at the Baycrest Hill Overlook and Included in the City of Homer Municipal Art
31 Collection.
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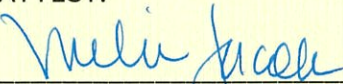
33 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 8th day of January, 2024.
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35 CITY OF HOMER

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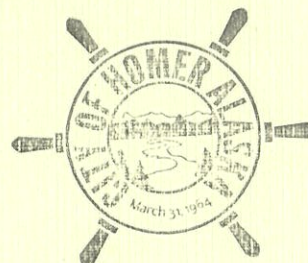
38 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

39 ATTEST:

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42 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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44 Fiscal note: N/A



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47 Fiscal note: Ordinance 23-64 appropriated \$300,000 from Water CARMA (256-0378); \$300,000

48 remains



CC-24-014

MEMORANDUM

Resolution 24-006, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving and Accepting the Donation of a Lighthouse Sculpture created by Mooserun Metalsmiths of Homer, Alaska Commissioned by the Stuart Craig Family to be Located in the Gardens at the Baycrest Hill Overlook and Included in the City of Homer Municipal Art Collection. City Clerk/PARCAC.

Item Type: Action Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
Date: November 8, 2023
Through: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
From: Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission

Background Information:

At the regular meeting of August 17, 2023 the Parks Art Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission (Commission) reviewed the proposed donation of a metal lighthouse sculpture that was being commissioned from Mooserun Metalsmiths of Homer, Alaska, by the Stuart Craig Family of Wasilla, Alaska.

The proposed sculpture would be placed in a raised garden bed located within the Baycrest Hill Overlook rest area and act as a trellis allowing plants to grow around and acting as a support for others in the garden.

The Commission expressed concerns on the following points:

- Appearance of the sculpture according to the sketch
- Proposed verbiage of the passage to be on the memorial plaque due to previous experiences with the public on other donations, in particular memorial benches

The Commission adopted and recommended acceptance and inclusion of the sculpture into the Municipal Art Collection postponing the placement of a memorial plaque until Council has adopted a policy regarding memorials.

The excerpt of the approved minutes reflecting the discussion and motion from the meeting have been included for review.

Recommendation

Approve and accept the donation of a sculpture for inclusion in the City of Homer Municipal Art Collection created by Mooserun Metalsmiths of Homer, Alaska, commissioned by the Stuart Craig Family of Wasilla, Alaska for placement in a garden located at Baycrest Hill Overlook.

Attachments:

Donation Application Information Packet
Excerpt of the August 17, 2023 Approved Minutes



CITY OF HOMER GIFT/DONATION PROPOSAL APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY AND MAKE YOUR RESPONSES COMPLETE AND THROUGH.

DATE 08/09/2023
CONTACT PERSON Stuart Craig or Marie Craig TITLE N/A
ORGANIZATION IF APPLICABLE N/A
ADDRESS PO Box 877570 CITY Wasilla STATE AK ZIP 99687
PHONE 907-232-2237 FAX N/A CELL 907-232-2237
EMAIL Stuart - stuartpc61@gmail.com & Marie - mcraig11@hotmail.com

TELL US WHY YOU WISH TO DONATE THIS TO THE CITY OF HOMER? Homer has always been my family's favorite Alaska destination. I have many great memories my youth spending time in Homer with my parents camping, fishing, beachcombing, and exploring. When my wife and I met in 2003, Homer became our favorite place to visit and we spend as much time there as we can, and always wish we could spend more. After my parents passed away, we decided to see if we could make a donation to the City of Homer to show how special it is to our family, and for all to enjoy on trips to and from Homer.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS RELATED TO YOUR DONATION.

TITLE OF ARTWORK Lighthouse Metal Sculpture
ARTIST(S) NAME Marlon Prazen and Tarri Thurman
YEAR COMPLETED 2023 DIMENSIONS Approximately 5' high, 4 sided, base approx. 2'W X 2'D
MATERIALS USED TO CREATE ARTWORK Steel & powder coated steel plate

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED DONATION-

A steel sculpture of a lighthouse approx. 5' tall. 4 sided. Approx. 2' W X 2"D at base. Will taper to approx. 1'W X 1'D at top. Will have light (at top), door and window cutouts throughout sculpture

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED DONATION- TELL US THE STORY BEHIND THE PIECE OR SIGNIFICANCE -

My wife and I wanted to specifically donate to the City of Homer for the Baycrest Lookout Park. After working with Matt Steffy, Parks & Trail Planner, City of Homer, and explaining to him why this location and why Homer is so special to us and our family, Matt suggested we donate this sculpture. My wife and I really liked the idea of having an sculpture art piece located at the Baycrest Lookout Park, and we all really liked the idea of this to be a Lighthouse designed or themed art sculpture.

IS THE PROPOSED PIECE ONE OF A KIND? yes IS THE PIECE PART OF A SERIES, LIMITED OR OTHERWISE? no
IF SO, AN EDITION OF HOW MANY? N/A IS THE PIECE COMPLETED? no IF NOT WHEN IS THE
EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE? Mid September 2023
WHAT IS THE CURRENT CONDITION OF THE PIECE? Moose Run Metalsmiths has materials to begin, and anticipates
beginning the project mid August 2023.

PROPOSED SITE OR LOCATION

DO YOU HAVE A SITE(S) IN MIND FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE PIECE? IF SO WHERE? Baycrest Lookout Park,
Homer, Alaska

IS THIS A CITY OWNED PROPERTY IF NOT WHO OWNS THE PROPERTY? Both evidently City and State of Alaska
owned. Detail on this can be provided by Matt Steffy, City of Homer Parks & Trail Planner

WHAT IS THE RATIONALE FOR SELECTING THIS/THESE LOCATION(S)? It is a favorite spot for my family for over
50 years. We visit Homer often, and it is the first stop we make when coming to Homer, and the last stop we
make when leaving Homer.

ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY PERMITS OR PERMISSIONS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED? No, am not aware.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

DESCRIBE HOW THE PIECE IS CONSTRUCTED OR MADE. PLEASE INCLUDE ANY DOCUMENTATION AT THE END OF
THIS APPLICATION. It will be constructed entirely of steel plate. The artists are also investigating as to the
ability to install a solar powered light in the top of the lighthouse. It has yet to be determined if this part of the
project will be possible.

HOW IS THE PIECE TO BE PROPERLY INSTALLED? It will be placed in a City of Homer flower bed at the park.
This flower bed is the center front bed as you enter the park. It will be anchored to the concrete bottom of the
flower bed.

DOES THE PIECE REQUIRE ELECTRICITY, PLUMBING OR OTHER UTILITY HOOKUPS? No

WHO WILL BE INSTALLING THE PIECE? Our understanding is that it will be installed and maintained by The
City of Homer.

WHAT IS THE EXPECTED LIFETIME AND STAYING POWER OF THE MATERIALS USED IN CREATING THE PIECE? It will be powder coated steel plate, so that will inhibit rust. That should allow the sculpture to be in place in perpetuity.

WHAT MAINTENANCE IS REQUIRED AND HOW OFTEN? TBD

PLEASE IDENTIFY ANY SPECIFIC MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES AND OR EQUIPMENT AND THE ASSOCIATED COSTS: TBD

WHAT PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO GUARD AGAINST VANDALISM IF ANY? Anchoring the piece into concrete
Materials used are powder coated steel. Easy to maintain and clean.

WHAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ASSURE THIS PIECE WILL NOT PRESENT A SAFETY HAZARD? Matt Steffy has a plan

BUDGET

PROJECT MANAGEMENT FEES	\$ <u>TBD</u>	INSURANCE	\$ <u>unknown</u>
ARTIST'S FEES	\$ <u>6000 est.</u>	UTILITY HOOKUP	\$ <u>0</u>
PURCHASE PRICE PERMITS	\$ <u>0</u>	DELIVERY	\$ <u>0</u>
STRUCTURAL	\$ <u>0</u>	INSTALLATION	\$ <u>unknown</u>
ENGINEERING SITE	\$ <u>unknown</u>	SIGNAGE	\$ <u>0</u>
PREPARATION OTHER	\$ <u>unknown</u>	RECOGNITION	\$ <u>0</u>
COSTS NOT LISTED	\$ <u>0</u>	DESCRIPTION	<u></u>

DATE PIECE WAS LAST APPRAISED? TBD

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE PIECE OR ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE IF NO APPRAISAL WAS DONE? \$6,000 to \$7,000

TIMELINE

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR THE COMPLETION OR INSTALLATION OF THE PIECE? IDENTIFY THE DIFFERENT STAGES AND DATE GOALS TO PREPARE THE PIECE FOR DONATION It will be started mid August 2023 and completed mid Sept. 2023. Installation has yet TBD.

RESTRICTIONS

ARE THERE ANY KNOWN COVENANTS, REQUIREMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS THAT COME WITH THE PIECE? No, I do not
believe so, unless these exist through the City of Homer.

WHAT EXPECTATIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR THE CITY OF HOMER IN ACCEPTING THIS ARTWORK? To maintain the
sculpture, to plant acceptable plants in and around the sculpture, and to install the sculpture.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

WAS THERE ANY COMMUNITY OR USER INVOLVEMENT IN SELECTING THE RECOMMENDED LOCATION? Only that
my wife and I wanted to give something back to the community of Homer because it is such a special
destination for my wife and I and family, and we felt the community would appreciate this donation at this
specific location.

PLEASE INCLUDE ANY LETTER(S) OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT OR PROPOSED DONATION.
N/A

APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

- AN RESUME OR BIO FROM THE ARTIST WHO CREATED OR WILL CREATE THE ARTWORK.**
- FIVE TO TEN IMAGES OF PAST WORK FROM THE ARTIST. THESE CAN BE PHOTOGRAPHS.**
- THREE TO FIVE CLEAR IMAGES OF THE PROPOSED ARTWORK**
- SCALE DRAWING/MODEL OF THE PROPOSED ARTWORK**
- IF YOU HAVE A SITE(S) IN MIND PLEASE INCLUDE PHOTO AND DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE(S) AND A SCALED
DRAWING OF THE PROPOSED ARTWORK IN THE RECOMMENDED LOCATION.**

N/A **A COPY OF A FORMAL APPRAISAL IF AVAILABLE**

N/A **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS, MAINTENANCE MANUAL OR DRAWINGS/RECOMMENDATION FROM STRUCTURAL
ENGINEER.**

APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO:

THE CITY OF HOMER
CITY CLERKS OFFICE
491 E. PIONEER AVENUE
HOMER, AK 99603

Stuart P Craig

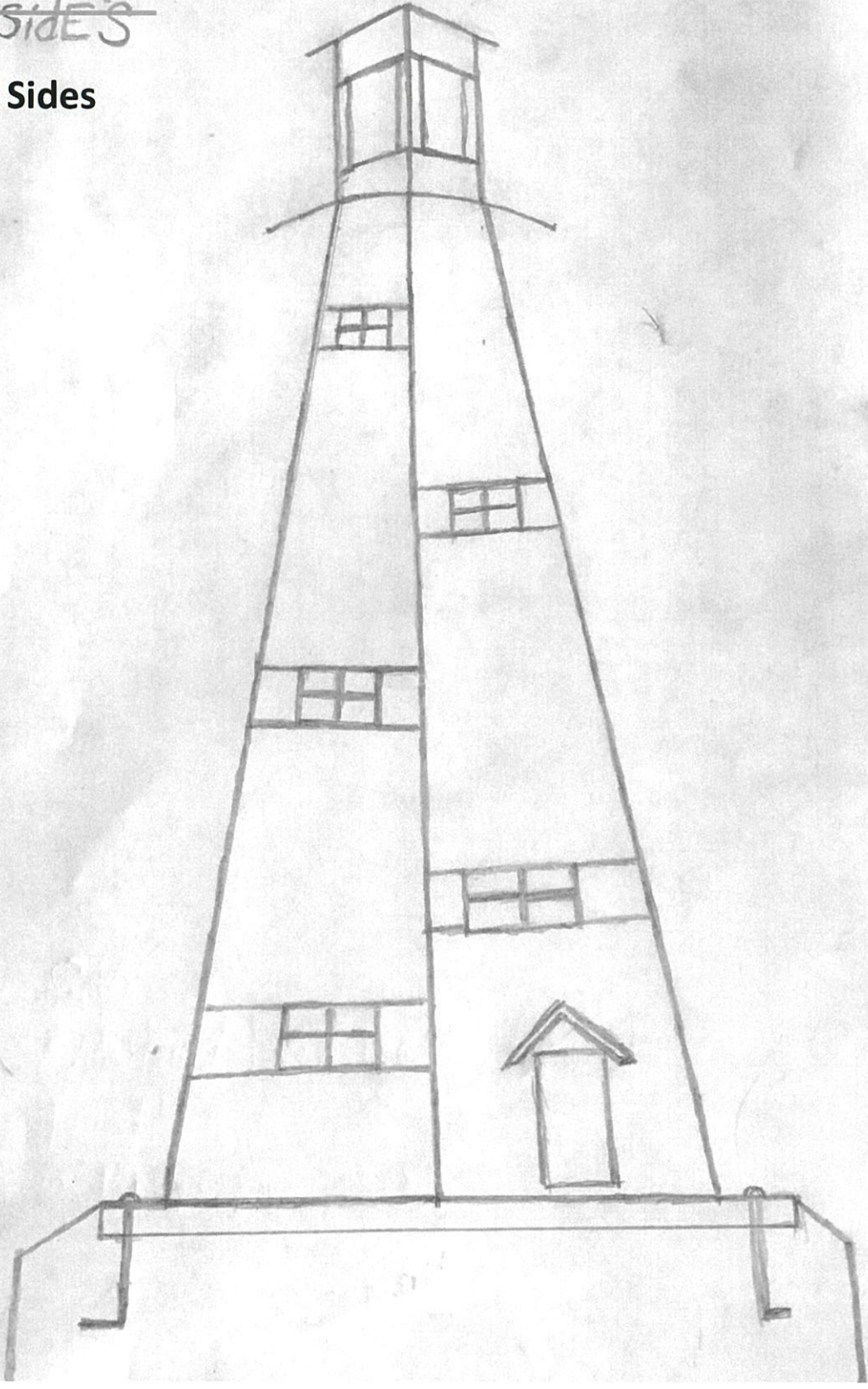
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OR YOU MAY SUBMIT VIA FAX AT 907-235-3143 TO SUBMIT VIA EMAIL PLEASE SEND TO clerk@ci.homer.ak.us

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE CLERK'S OFFICE AT 235-3130.

~~5 SIDES~~

4 Sides



Concept sketch provided by Tarri Thurman of Mooserun Metalsmiths.

(For clarification, the plan is for a 4-sided lighthouse.)



To: Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee:

My wife, Marie, and I would like to make a sculpture art donation to the City of Homer. Specifically, we would like this sculpture art to be placed at the Baycrest Lookout Park. We thought it would be beneficial to this donation request to provide you with some background as to why this is important to us both. I am a lifelong Alaskan, having been born in Kodiak in 1961 and have lived in Alaska since. As a child and teenager, my mother, father, and I would often come to Homer for recreation. We camped in the campgrounds on the Homer Spit, and spent many great days beachcombing, fishing from our pleasure craft in Kachemak Bay, and exploring Homer and its surroundings. Over the years, Homer became our family's favorite Alaska destination, and my parents spent many days in their retirement years in Homer. During my younger adult years, I also lived in Homer for one year. My wife moved to Alaska in 1993, and we met in 2003. Homer quickly became one of our very special places to visit for vacations, and we spend as much time in Homer each year as we can, and always wish we could spend more. We love to take trips out into Kachemak Bay and explore when we can, and every day we are in Homer we love to walk the beaches on the Homer Spit to beachcomb and enjoy the beauty of it all. Since my mother passed away in 2005, my wife and I have discussed the desire to do something special for her that recognized just how much she and my father loved the time they spent in Homer. Once my father passed away in 2022, we decided to make some serious inquiries about a donation to the City of Homer that would help show how special Homer is to our family. We are especially fond of the Baycrest Lookout Park. We love the views from the overlook, and it is always our first stop as we arrive and the last stop as we leave. We would love to be able to make this sculpture art donation to the City of Homer, to be placed at the Baycrest Lookout Park to recognize just how special Homer was to my parents, Larry and Marcia Craig, my wife and I, and also to add something special for all to enjoy as they drive to and from Homer.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Stuart & Marie Craig

Wording for the memorial plaque on Baycrest Lighthouse.

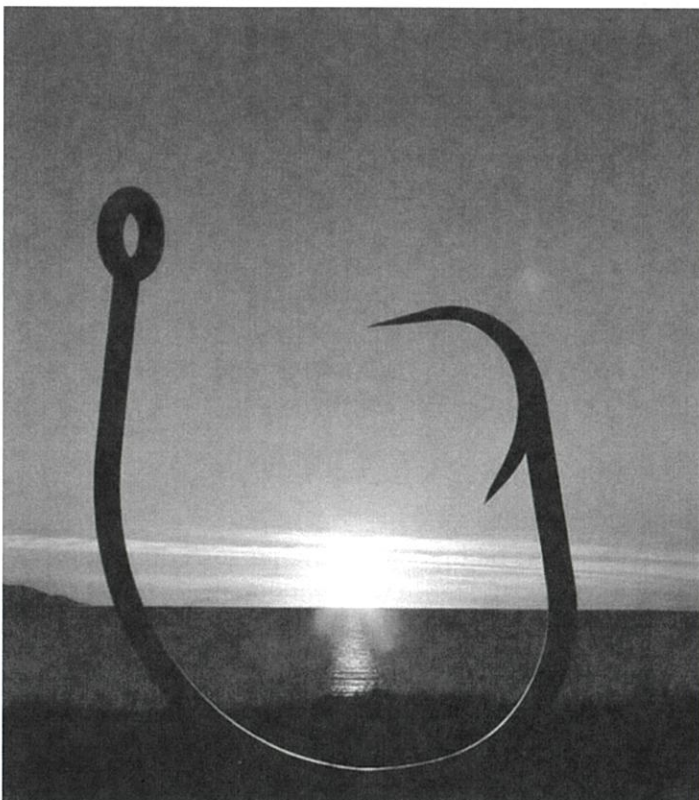
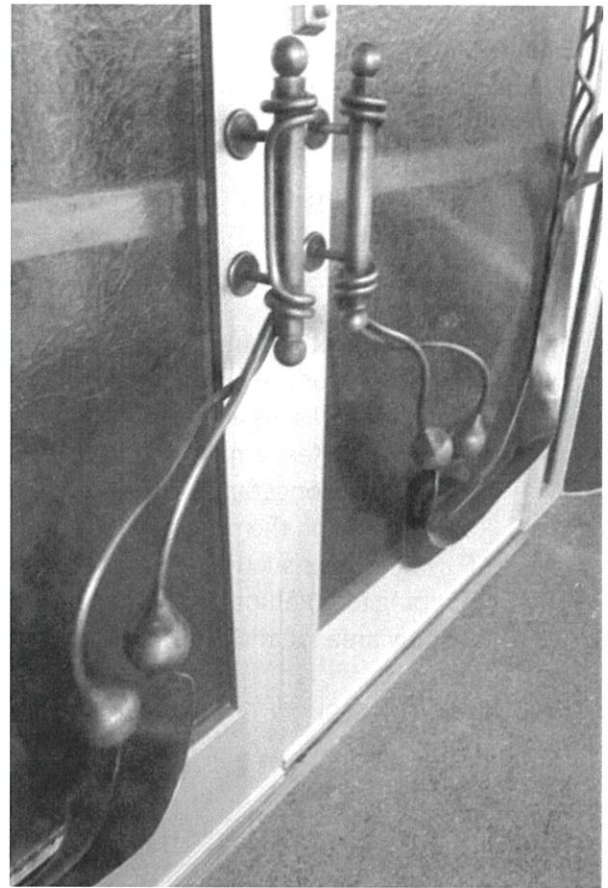
The idea here would be that this message would be center aligned when printed on the plaque. I can't guarantee that it shows up that way when you receive it. I tried to center align it when I sent it. Hopefully it shows that way when you view it. Let us know if this is going to be OK. Thanks,

Stuart & Marie Craig

**Your smile is your light
and there is always a reason to smile.
Look around, breathe and let your light shine every day!
With love for the past and future.
Larry & Marcia Stuart & Marie
The Craig Family**

Plaque will be approximately 6 inches square and mounted near the base of the sculpture. Material will either be engraved steel, or plasma cut steel with powder coat finish to match the Lighthouse.

Examples of Mooserun craftsmanship in Homer



Recreation Manager Illg reviewed Staff Report 23-024 for the Commission. He provided information on the proposed Recreation Fees Resolution, noting that this can be updated annually as required and the findings of the report provided on the HERC building and site and the Sister City Anniversary Planning Committee. He responded to questions regarding the STIP project recommendations. Mr. Illg noted that he will be attending the Annual ARPA Conference in Wrangell in September with Matt Steffy and Parks Maintenance

C. Arts & Culture Report – Pratt Museum & Park Presentation by Patricia Relay, Executive Director

Vice Chair Lowney introduced the topic and invited Ms. Relay to make her presentation.

Patricia Relay, Executive Director provided a presentation on the Pratt Museum, where it has been and where it is heading for the future. She provided information on the difficulties to hiring and replacing staff and facilitated discussion on the following:

- Hosting the Kachemak Bay Educator meeting in September
- Unique and longstanding partnership with the City of Homer and hoping to be able to work in partnership on the proposed Sister City Celebration of 40 years with Teshio, Japan.
- Former events such as the Art in the Woods
- Tapping into Volunteers for performing the work outside in the park areas
- Display area location for the Sister City Artwork

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Art Donation – Sculpture for Baycrest Hill Overlook
Memorandum PARC 23-023 from Deputy City Clerk as backup

Vice Chair Lowney introduced the item by reading of the title and invited the Clerk to provide her report.

Deputy City Clerk Krause reviewed Memorandum PARC 23-023 for the Commission. She noted that the section in the Policies and Procedures regarding donations outlining the review process was provided to assist the Commission in making their decision.

ROEDL/HARRALD MOVE TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED DONATION OF A LIGHTHOUSE SCULPTURE CREATED BY MOOSERUN METALSMITHS TO BE PLACED IN THE GARDENS LOCATED AT THE BAYCREST HILL OVERLOOK AND FORWARD TO CITY COUNCIL WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO INCLUDE IN THE CITY OF HOMER MUNICIPAL ART COLLECTION.

Deputy City Clerk Krause facilitated discussion on the following:

- Clarified that the costs for the creation of the donation was being paid by the persons donating the sculpture. The costs to the city would be installation and the labor to effect that installation.
- Trying to visualize the artwork in the actual setting. It would have been preferred to see the drawing superimposed in the location where it will be installed.

- Reviewing the Adopted plan for the Baycrest Hill Overlook this sculpture does not really fit this theme as they were collaborative and the desire is to honor those collaborations.
- The installation of a concrete base within the center of the garden bed will require all the vegetation and dirt to be removed.
 - o Parks Maintenance Coordinator Felice stated that it would be scheduled in the fall before the first snowfall. They will try to get it all done before hard freeze or it will be done in spring time weather dependent May-June.
- Appearance may be seen as an oil derrick and that would not be acceptable, a lighthouse would be okay but unsure how that will be attained as described, not many lighthouses are square.
- Concerns expressed on the proposed wording for the plaque, comments were not in favor of having any plaque due to previous experience from the public on benches and at WKFL.
 - o It was noted that the sculpture was also intended to be a trellis which means that it would be support for plants so most of the time plants would cover the plaque then in winter it would be covered in snow depending on where the plaque was placed.
 - o Reviewing the donations policy regarding memorials and allowing recognition plaques, etc. to limit future donations to Dedicated to the City of Homer from XXXXX
- Reaching out to the donors and artists if there is no timeline to address the Commission's concerns regarding the plaque.
 - o There is a timeline, artists will have the piece completed in approximately 4-6 weeks.
 - o Recommendation from Staff was to approve the actual sculpture with conditional approval on the memorial plaque until agreement on content is determined.
 - The plaque can always be mounted after installation of the sculpture.

ARCHIBALD/HARRALD MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO POSTPONE PLACEMENT OF A MEMORIAL PLAQUE UNTIL A MEMORIAL POLICY HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE CITY.

There was discussion on the placement of the plaque at the convenience of the Parks personnel.

Commissioner Archibald called for a Point of Order as the discussion is not germane to the amendment on the floor currently.

Deputy City Clerk Krause read back the amendment to the motion.

VOTE: (Amendment). NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Deputy City Clerk Krause read back the main motion as amended.

MOVED TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED DONATION OF A LIGHTHOUSE SCULPTURE CREATED BY MOOSERUN METALSMITHS TO BE PLACED IN THE GARDENS LOCATED AT THE BAYCREST HILL OVERLOOK, POSTPONING THE PLACEMENT OF A MEMORIAL PLAQUE UNTIL A MEMORIAL POLICY IS ADOPTED BY THE CITY AND FORWARD TO CITY COUNCIL WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO INCLUDE IN THE CITY OF HOMER MUNICIPAL ART COLLECTION.

A brief discussion was conducted on the ability of parks staff to install the plaque when the policy was adopted and that not having the plaque would not delay the creation and installation of the sculpture.

VOTE. (Main motion) NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

B. 2024 – 2029 Draft Capital Improvement Plan – Review and Recommendation
Memorandum from Special Projects & Communication Coordinator as backup

Vice Chair Lowney introduced the item by reading of the title. She noted that the goal of the Commission according to Ms. Carroll is to choose three and to come to some sort of consensus on what the Commission would like. Vice Chair Lowney then opened the floor for recommendations.

Commissioner Fair requested clarification if the Commission was intent to select and recommend projects strictly related to Parks Recreation & Culture or selecting the top three that the Commission thinks are city needs.

Vice Chair Lowney opined that there are no rules.

Commissioner Fair stated, as he did at the Library Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, that you could throw a dart at any of the projects in the plan and hit stuff that needs to be taken care of for the city. He did not think picking any of them would be wrong.

Vice Chair Lowney interjected that there was an issue last time about the Commission not selecting the Gateway Development Project since the Commission had recommended it previously and added it as a new project before that so it may be better that the Commission recommend related projects.

Commissioner Harrald expressed agreement with Vice Chair Lowney

Recreation Manager Illg voiced his recommendation that the Commission should focus on Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Projects as that is what Council will expect.

Deputy City Clerk Krause concurred with Recreation Manager Illg but also the Commission has promoted additional projects that benefitted the City as a whole such as a Harbor Project or a New Police Station.

Associate Planner Steffy supported the recommendations previously stated but reiterated the expectation of each advisory body recommending projects related to its focus.

Commissioner Fair commented that ADA stuff should be taking place and that goes across practically all advisory bodies in the city, not picking projects like the Homer Spit Coastal Erosion Mitigation, which affects everything on the spit or the A Frame Water Transmission Line that's going to fall apart, noting that there is just so much, but he will select three parks related projects those will be, in priority order:

Karen Hornaday Park Public Restroom Facility, Jack Gist Park Improvements Phase 2 and Homer Spit Coastal Erosion Mitigation

Commissioner Roedl selected the Homer Spit Trailhead Restroom, Svedlund/Herndon Street Sidewalks and Bayview Park Restoration.

Commissioner Harrald selected Kachemak Drive Non-motorized Pathway, Multi-Use Community Center, and Karen Hornaday Park Public Restroom Facility.