



WILDWOOD

July 16, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Planning and Parks Committee Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: **Public Art Opportunities within the Plaza Area of the State Route 100 Pedestrian Bridge, near State Route 109 (Wards Five and Eight)**

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor
Administration and Public Works Committee Members
Economic Development Committee Members
John A. Young, City Attorney
Rick Brown, P.E. and P.T.O.E., Director of Public Works
Kathy Arnett, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks
Gary Crews, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation

Background >>> During the planning and design phase of the most recent pedestrian bridge, constructed over State Route 100, near State Route 109, public plazas were included at either end of it. These plazas have benches, landscaping, and provide a nice respite for runners, walkers, and bicyclists. At the time of their design, it was also discussed these areas would easily accommodate public art pieces.

In late 2018, the City joined the Creative Communities Alliance. This group is a coalition of municipal and nonprofit organizations dedicated to the development of community arts in the St. Louis Region. Many of Wildwood's neighboring cities are also members, including Ballwin, Chesterfield, Ellisville, and Eureka. The first of its programs the City is participating in is Sculpture on the Move.

The Sculpture on the Move Program fosters relationships between communities and artists. Each community in the program, selects a piece of art and displays it in an outdoor public area. The art is loaned for two (2) years and the City pays five hundred dollars (\$500.00) each year for the installation. Forty-one (41) art pieces were submitted to the program for 2019. The City narrowed down the choices to fifteen (15) pieces it believed would benefit our parks and be in keeping with the City's values and appearance. Then, ultimately, one (1) piece was provided to Wildwood through a selection process. 'Frisbee Dog' was selected as the art piece Wildwood would display for two (2) years.

Frisbee Dog was created by Lee Leuning and Sherri Treeby and is 20" x 40" x 30" in size. It is a bronze statue. See the images on the next page.



The statue has been delivered to Wildwood and needs to be installed in an outdoor public location and Department staff believes the well-traveled Wildwood Greenway Corridor, particularly in the south plaza area, near the pedestrian bridge, is a suitable location. This plaza provides plenty of space for the statue and great visibility.

Recommendation >>> The Department is looking forward to completing the installation of the first piece of public art along the City's popular trail system and seeking the Committee's endorsement in this regard. The Department is requesting Committee endorsement of installing *Frisbee Dog* in the plaza on the south side of the pedestrian bridge, over State Route 100, near State Route 109.

Other >>> If any of the Committee Members should have any questions or comments regarding this information, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440. A presentation is planned on this matter at tonight's meeting. Thank you for your consideration of this information and direction on the same.

2019 Sculpture on the Move Submissions



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Artist: Lee Leuning & Sherri Treeby

Title of Work: Frisbee Dog

Dimensions: 20" x 40" x 30"

Material: Bronze

Description: Average mutt loves chasing frisbee, leaping from stand after flying frisbee. Frisbee is heavy bronze easily connected to over hanging limbs or pipes 10' -11'

Maintenance: Soft scrub brush soap and water

Price/Insurance Value: \$7,000

Additional Info:

Sculptors Lee Leuning and Sherri Treeby formed the art studio Bad River Artworks after cooperating on several sculpture projects while attending Northern State University in the late 80's. Their "continuous critique" approach to sculpture delivers high realism to their "Americana" sculptures. Besides their national market they have placed over 250 public, life-sized sculptures, making them one of South Dakota's most prolific bronze sculptors.

Website: www.badriverart.com/