



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**Agenda Date**

October 8, 2024

**Requested Action**

RECEIVE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE STAFF ART ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF ART AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R78; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOERNE CITY COUNCIL, ACCEPTING THE SCULPTURE "THE RUNNER" AS A DONATION TO THE CITY OF BOERNE'S PUBLIC ART COLLECTION.

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**Background Information**

The donation of *"The Runner"* (See Attachment A) was proposed by Bryden and Kay Moon in June of 2024. Staff first met with the Moons on July 17, 2024, to discuss the specifics of the proposed sculpture and their intended donation process. Staff explained that the City has a process for considering additions to the Municipal Public Art collection, including an initial review by the Staff Art Assessment Committee (SAAC), followed by a recommendation presented to the City Manager and finally going before City Council for final approval and acceptance of the proposed donation. The sculpture was created by Glenna Goodacre (See Bio in Attachment B), a renowned sculptor whose most prominent works include the Vietnam Women's Memorial installed in Washington DC and the Sacagawea dollar coin first minted in 2000.

The Moons have generously agreed to cover all costs associated with the installation of *The Runner*, including shipping from Santa Fe, New Mexico. Texas Treasure Fine Arts, a local gallery, will manage transportation and coordinate all aspects of the installation. The ongoing cost to the City will be the maintenance of *The Runner*. As a bronze sculpture, this cost is minimal, requiring the piece to be cleaned and waxed every two to three years. As a fine bronze sculpture, it is anticipated to last another 20-25 years.

The Moons, after initially meeting with staff, agreed to move forward with the donation process and staff proceeded to move forward with the approval process. The SAAC met on August 12, 2024, to review the proposed donation and voted unanimously to move the process forward to accept the gift. Lissette Jimenez, Director of Parks & Recreation proposed a prominent location at City Park for the

	<p>installation. This location (see Attachments C and D) experiences significant foot traffic, including walkers, runners, and park visitors, making it an ideal setting for the sculpture. Staff continued to communicate with the Moons both before and after the SAAC meeting on proposed sites. Once staff had recommended the City Park location, staff and the Moons met at City Park on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, to discuss the placement in detail. All parties agreed to location and elements of the installation. Staff then presented this forward to the City Manager and leadership team and received approval to move forward with the next step in the process, which was to present the proposed donation to City Council.</p> <p>Staff has met and talked with the Moons several times since the initial proposal, most recently to discuss the means of transportation from Santa Fe, New Mexico to Boerne. The preparation and installation would be paid for by the Moons and performed by Monument Movers, Johnny Rosa, who has performed installations and maintenance of the City’s current bronze sculptures.</p> <p>If approved by council, Mr. Rosa plans to pick up the sculpture in Santa Fe, and transport it back to Boerne.</p> <p>The Moons are using funds for the purchase of <i>The Runner</i> that have some restrictions. Due to donation restrictions, the Moons must make the purchase through a 501(c)(3) organization. To comply with this requirement, they have chosen the Hill Country Council of the Arts (HCCArts) to receive the initial donation. Then, Hill Country Council of the Arts will donate <i>The Runner</i> to the City on behalf of the Moons. The City and HCCArts will execute a Transfer of Title document (See Attachment E) to ensure that the City has legal ownership to <i>The Runner</i>. Bryden and Kay Moon will be publicly recognized as the sole donors of <i>The Runner</i>.</p>										
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<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	<p>COMMUNITY CHARM</p> <p>C1 Offering quality customer experience</p> <p>C3 Collaborating with community partners to enhance quality of life.</p> <p>B2 Advancing Master Plan recommendations</p>										

<b>Financial Considerations</b>	As noted, the Moons will cover all installation costs, including shipping from Santa Fe and coordination with Texas Treasure Fine Arts for the transportation and setup. The City will only be responsible for ongoing maintenance, which is minimal for a bronze sculpture, requiring cleaning and waxing every two to three years. The sculpture is expected to last 20-25 years.
<b>Citizen Input/Board Review</b>	<p>Regarding the acceptance of gifts for the City of Boerne’s municipal public art collection, the City has a Staff Art Assessment Committee (SAAC), formerly Public Art Review Committee (PACC). The following are current members of this internal staff committee. Each member evaluates the proposed gift based on the responsibilities of their respective department within the City.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nick Montagno – Special Projects, Operations Manager</li> <li>• Natalie Schults - Library Director</li> <li>• Lissette Jimenez - Parks &amp; Recreation Director</li> <li>• Chris Shadrock - Public Information Officer</li> <li>• Taylor Hill – Utilities Project Manager</li> <li>• Larry Woods – Visit Boerne Director</li> </ul> <p>On August 12, 2024, the SAAC convened to review the proposed donation and unanimously approved moving forward with the acceptance process.</p>
<b>Legal Review</b>	City Attorney has reviewed and approved the Transfer of Title document.
<b>Alternative Options</b>	N/A
<b>Supporting Documents</b>	<p>Resolution No. 2024-R78  Attachment A - Images of <i>The Runner</i>  Attachment B - Artist Bio and information  Attachment C - Proposed Location – Overhead showing proposed location of <i>The Runner</i> at City Park.  Attachment D - Location – Photo of site with <i>The Runner</i> super imposed.  Attachment E - Transfer of Title document</p>