



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 12/14/2021

**REQUESTER:** Parks and Recreation Department

**PRESENTER:** Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF THE ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A DONATION OF A SCULPTURE ENTITLED "FIRST LOVE" VALUED AT \$15,250 FROM GREG HEIPLE TO BE PLACED IN ANDREW'S PARK IN HONOR OF HIS MOTHER, KATHY HEIPLE.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Norman was approached by Greg Heiple regarding the donation of a statue entitled "First Love" valued at \$14,500. The Donor also has paid for the statue to be professionally installed, a service valued at \$750. Mr. Heiple wishes to donate the sculpture in honor of his mother, which will be placed by a bench closest to the playground area at Andrew's Park.

Both the Norman Public Arts Board and the Norman Arts Council have recommended that the City accept this donation.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Chapter 8, Section 8-111 states that any item donated to the City with a value above \$250.00 must first be accepted by City Council. Furthermore, Chapter 4, Section 4-204 states that "the City shall accept all donations of public art, as defined herein, that are made in accordance with section 4 of the Charter. . ." Article I, Section 4 of the City Charter allows that the "City may receive bequests, gifts and donations of all kinds of property in fee simple or in trust for charitable or public purposes and perform all acts necessary to carry out the purposes of such bequests, gifts, donations or trusts, with power to manage, sell, lease or otherwise dispose of same in accordance with the terms of the bequest, gift, donation, or trust."

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City of Norman accept the donation of a sculpture entitled "First Love" valued at \$15,250.