



AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agenda Item number: 4.a

Title: Presentation of the Gratitude Project and Recommendation to approve the Use of City Property and expend FY 17/18 budgeted funds for the placement of “The Key” sculpture honoring Sharon and Vern Oie

Presenter: Chris Adesso

Meeting: Government Services Committee

Date: April 24, 2017

Proposed Cost: \$20,000

Budgeted Amount: \$20,000

Not Budgeted:

Executive Summary *(if not budgeted please explain):*

Presentation by Rev. Al Patten of the River Corridor Foundation of St. Charles and the St. Charles Arts Council will discuss details of the Arts Council’s new “Gratitude Project” and introduce the newest effort of the Council and the Foundation that will honor the efforts of Sharon and Vern Oie, “The Key”.

The River Corridor Foundation of St. Charles and the St. Charles Arts Council are requesting the use of City owned property adjacent to the Bob Leonard Walk at the intersection of the walk and the dead end of Indiana Street to place the proposed sculpture (see attached location map). Staff has worked with members of the Foundation and Arts Council to identify the location of the sculpture based on the location of underground utilities and have found the location identified on the attached map.

Members of the River Corridor Foundation and Staff have been in contact with the HOA board members of the Brownstones and collaborated with the members to site the sculpture in a location that is mutually agreeable to all parties.

Public Works staff will facilitate the installation of the concrete base for the proposed sculpture and work to install complimentary landscaping and brick paver work around the sculpture which will be consistent with the existing landscape along the walk way. Public Works estimates this cost to be approximately \$20,000 total and expects to conduct the work in the upcoming FY 17/18 or when the Arts Council deems they are prepared to move forward with the sculpture project.

Attachments *(please list):*

* Location Map of the Proposed Sculpture “The Key” * Presentation Documents of the “Gratitude Project” by Rev. Al Patten

Recommendation/Suggested Action *(briefly explain):*

Recommendation to approve the Use of City Property and expend FY 17/18 budgeted funds for the placement of “The Key” sculpture honoring Sharon and Vern Oie.



Proposed Sculpture Location



Data Source:
City of St. Charles, Illinois
Kane County, Illinois
DuPage County, Illinois
Projection: Transverse Mercator
Coordinate System: Illinois State Plane East
North American Datum 1983
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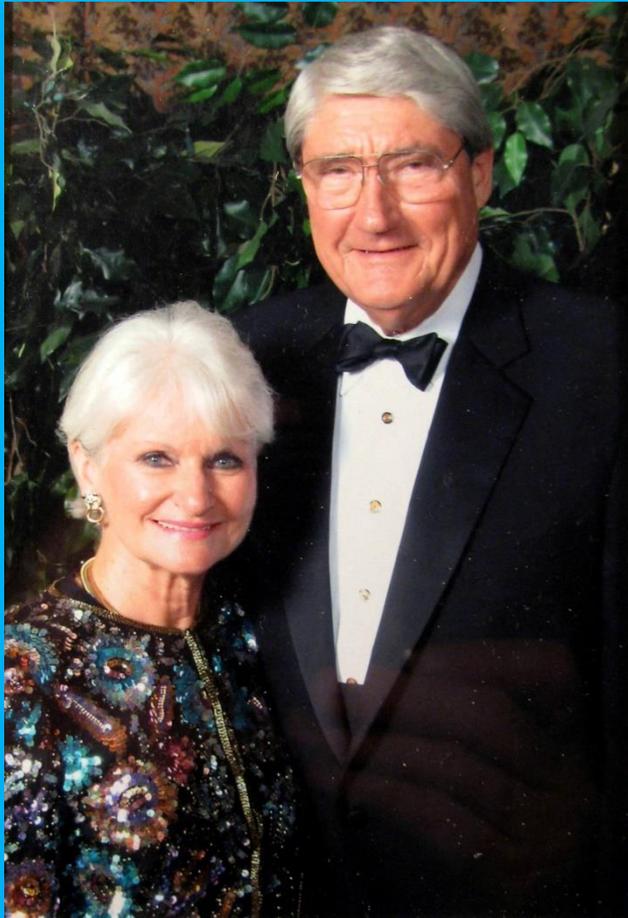


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With
Gratitude
to
Sharon
&
Vern Oie

THE KEY



Sharon and Vern Oie have long been noted for their vision for St. Charles. They have been instrumental in the founding and functioning of organizations such as the Downtown St. Charles Partnership and the River Corridor Foundation. As a couple, they have won the Charlemagne, Barth, and Golden Turtle Awards. The two-piece design of The Key represents a couple who have worked together to make St. Charles a better place – one that celebrates community and the joy of nature and art.

THE KEY

ARTIST'S STATEMENT:

The Key will be constructed of two pieces, 9.5 feet high by 8.5 feet wide, with an offset depth of 4 feet. The monolithic and circular pieces will be painted, with the exception of the “cap” elements, which will be glass. The caps will be lit from within by LED strip lighting.

The Key's circular section focuses the eye, to draw it through the piece, suggesting a keyhole that can be peered through or opened to what lies within and beyond, and the key that can be metaphorically inserted in that keyhole represents one's vision. The LED lighting behind the glass framing draws one's eye to the keyhole.

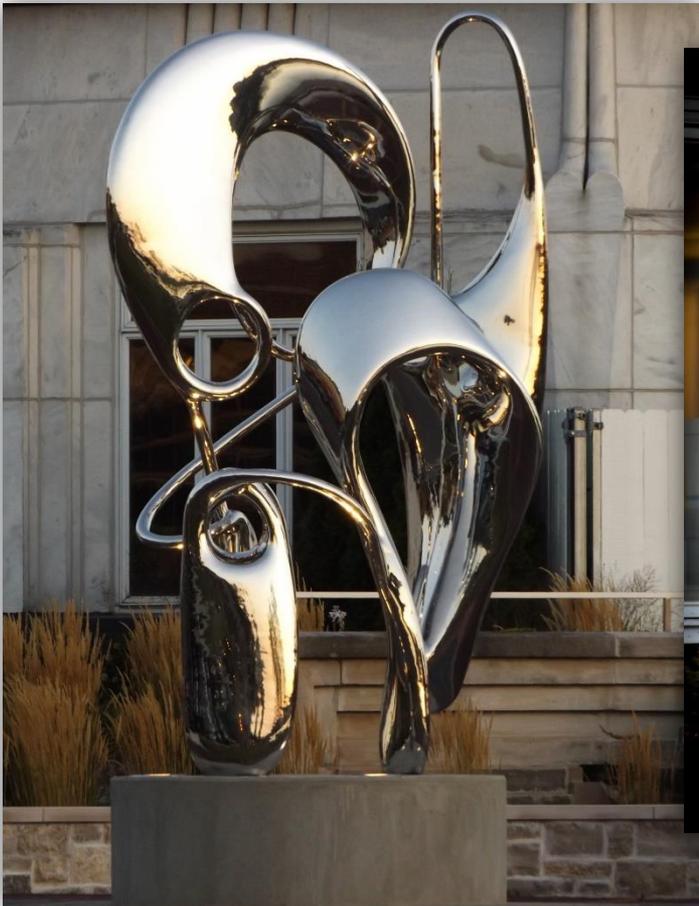


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