

Art Board Presentation

TO: Robert Garza, City Manager

FROM: Mark Johnston, Parks and Recreation Director 

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At the July 14, 2014 City Council Work Session, staff will introduce the City Art Board members, provide background information, and seek further direction concerning a few items that the Board is working on. In January of 2013, the City Council established by ordinance the City Art Board. Over the past year plus, the Board has worked diligently to establish the Board's structure and developed the operational policy and procedures as well as its By-Laws.

The Board is currently preparing options for Council consideration concerning the placement of the Camino Real statues. The Board has also drafted a Las Cruces Public Art Funding Policy and refined the Art on Loan Policy that will be presented to Council later this year. The Board would like to discuss and is seeking further direction on these items.

In addition, the Board was approached by representatives of local renowned artist, Joyce Macrorie. Ms. Macrorie is relocating and has offered to donate several pieces of art to the City of Las Cruces. The Board is seeking Council direction on whether or not to proceed with the donation. Staff has concerns with the logistics concerning the donation such as lack of storage space, framing, display locations and costs associated with the care and maintenance of the paintings.

Staff as well as members of the Board will be prepared for this discussion and Council input concerning the above mentioned items.

cc: Brian Denmark, Assistant City Manager/COO 