



## City of Denton

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### AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**CM/ DCM/ ACM:** Bryan Langley

**DATE:** June 20, 2017

#### **SUBJECT**

Consider approving the donation of a watercolor, *Turner Falls*, by the late Rob Erdle, donated by Ms. Millie Giles, as Public Art pursuant to the City of Denton's Donations of Public Art Policy. The Public Art Committee recommends approval (7-0).

#### **BACKGROUND**

Ms. Giles has offered to donate a watercolor painting titled *Turner Falls* by Rob Erdle, her late husband. The painting will be displayed in South Branch Library along with six other watercolors by Erdle. Ms. Giles has requested that all Erdle's paintings be kept together in the same location. The painting is valued at approximately \$680.

Mr. Erdle taught at the University of North Texas and has contributed to the contemporary movement of watercolor painting in the United States and abroad. One of Mr. Erdle's paintings hangs in the City Council Work Session Room, and was once on loan to the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts in Spring, Texas, which featured an exhibition of his work.

If accepted, this will increase the artwork by Rob Erdle to eight watercolors at the South Branch Library.

#### **OPTIONS**

Approve/Not approve

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval.

#### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)**

On January 5, 2017, the Public Art Committee made recommendation to accept the donation 7-0.

On August 21, 2012, City Council accepted the Public Art donation of six watercolor paintings by the late Rob Erdle, donated by Millie Giles on September 1, 2009, City Council accepted the Public Art donation of *Summer Haze* watercolor by the late Rob Erdle.

#### **FISCAL INFORMATION**

None

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP**

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

Related Key Focus Area: Safe, Liveable & Family-Friendly Community

Related Goal: Provide and support outstanding leisure, cultural, and educational opportunities

## **EXHIBITS**

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Public Art Committee Excerpt of Minutes January 5, 2017
3. Photograph of Rob Erdle watercolor

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