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Agenda Item#:

Resolution Number: **R – 2009.11.04**

Resolution Re: Acceptance of Donation of Crab Sculpture for Placement in Henry Law Park

WHEREAS: Local artist Nathan Walker has offered to donate an art sculpture for placement on the grounds of the City of Dover at the Rotary Pavillion Park; and

WHEREAS: The structure is in the shape of a giant crab;

WHEREAS: Placement of the sculpture will enhance the viewing of the sculpture, and use of the park by the public; and

WHEREAS: The Dover Arts Commission has reviewed the proposal and voted unanimously to recommend that the City Council approve this agreement to have the Crab installed at Henry Law Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND DOVER CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The City Manager is authorized to accept on behalf of the City of Dover a temporary donation of the art structure known as the “Crab” to be located on City property in Henry Law Park and to sign any documents necessary to accomplish the acceptance of the temporary donation.

AUTHORIZATION

Approved as to Funding: Daniel R. Lynch
Finance Director

Sponsored by: Mayor Scott Myers
By request

Approved as to Legal Form: Allan B. Krans, Sr.
City Attorney

Recorded by: Karen Lavertu
City Clerk



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DOCUMENT HISTORY:

First Reading Date: 2009.11.04	Public Hearing Date:
Approved Date: 2009.11.04	Effective Date: 2009.11.04

DOCUMENT ACTIONS: motion to add to agenda by Trefethen seconded by Weston passed 7/0

VOTING RECORD		
Date of Vote:	YEAH	NAY
Mayor Scott Myers	x	
Deputy Mayor, Dean Trefethen, Ward 4	x	
Councilor Robert Carrier, Ward 1	x	
Councilor Douglas DeDe, Ward 2	x	
Councilor David Scott, Ward 3	absent	
Councilor Catherine Cheney, Ward 5	x	
Councilor Richard Callaghan, Ward 6	absent	
Councilor Steven McCusker, At Large	x	
Councilor Karen Weston, At Large	x	
Total Votes:	7	0
Resolution does pass.		



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RESOLUTION BACKGROUND MATERIAL:

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire and local artist/illustrator Nathan Walker would like to present for consideration a proposal for an outdoor sculpture installation in Henry Law Park.

Nate has created a whimsical sculpture of a giant crab using welded and painted scrap metal. Ruggedly constructed and smoothly finished for durability and safety, this structure measure approximately 7' wide by 6' deep by 9.5' tall. We propose locating it with lighting in the grassy garden area to the left of the museum entrance between the museum sign and the large maple, where it will be visible yet protected and out of the way of amphitheatre events.

The sculpture will be ready and available for installation by the end of this month. It will require concrete anchor blocks wet into the ground, for which Nate will provide a template. The sculpture will be bolted to these blocks. Nate will deliver the crab to the proposed location at his cost and work with the Community Services Department to install it securely.

The giant crab sculpture will be on loan to the City of Dover through August, 2010, at which time it will be evaluated for possible permanent installation. The City of Dover is not responsible for any damage that might occur to the piece.



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November 3, 2009

Dover Arts Commission
288 Central Ave.
Dover, NH 03820

To the Mayor and City Councilors,

The City of Dover has been approached by Nathan Walker, a Seacoast artist who wishes to display a sculpture of a giant blue crab in Henry Law Park in front of the Children's Museum of New Hampshire. The artist is well-known in the Seacoast, particularly for his work on the giant ant that was displayed in Portsmouth a few years ago. Representatives from the City of Portsmouth, including Mayor Ferrini, have provided glowing letters of recommendation praising the artist's professionalism and efforts to engage the public, as well as the ant's popularity and success in attracting visitors to the city.

Earlier this week, the artist and a representative from the Children's Museum presented the project to the Dover Arts Commission.

The proposed blue crab sculpture was created from welded and painted scrap metal. It is approximately 7' wide by 6' deep by 9.5' tall. The proposed site is visible from both Washington Street and the many public walkways that cross through Henry Law Park.

The sculpture would be on loan to the City through August of 2010, at which time it would be evaluated for permanent installation.

The artist has agreed to oversee the installation of the piece, which would involve concrete anchor blocks set into the ground, to which he would provide a template. The artist will also be responsible for any maintenance or repairs that may be involved.

The Arts Commission voted unanimously to strongly endorse the project. The sculpture's highly visible, publically accessible location ensures that the piece will enhance local awareness of and appreciation for the arts. We further hope that this work will inspire not only residents of and visitors to Dover, but also other artists who may seek to make their work available for display in the City.

We hope that you will vote to authorize the placement of this sculpture in Henry Law Park. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. I can be reached at 603-953-4473.

Sincerely,
Joyce El Kouarti Chair, Dover Arts Commission

