


Memorandum

To: Mike Geisel, City Administrator
From: Tom McCarthy 
Director of Parks, Recreation and Arts
Date: 2/18/2021
Re: Creative Arts Alliance Art Recommendation



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At our February 9, Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, the members voted on and chose the sculpture *Popsicles* by artist CR Gray as our first choice for the draft. This was after a thorough review and vote on the 150 pieces of artwork that were submitted by over fifty-two artists from around the country. This year we had twenty-four cities participating in the art draft from around Missouri and Kansas. The Creative Arts Alliance draft was held on February 15 and Chesterfield drew the thirteenth draft pick and were able to acquire the PRACAC's first choice.

At this point and time, the PRACAC has not yet had an opportunity to recommend a location for the artwork. The recommendation for the location of the art piece will be discussed at our next meeting on March 9. After the committee makes a recommendation, I will bring the location recommendation back to the Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee of Council for their review and approval so we can then move the location on to the full Council.

At this time, we are just looking for a recommendation from the Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee of Council to approve and move the selection of *Popsicle* on to the full Council for review and direction.

We would look at an installation date sometime in May if we get the approvals from the Committee and Council.

Below is a picture of Popsicles for your review.

ARTWORK NAME: POPSICLES

ARTIST NAME: CR GRAY



Dimensions: 96" x 60"
Media: Steel, Stucco, Masonry
Price: \$18,000
From: Key West, Florida

Descriptions: Inspired by the summertime treat, this sculpture is three interlocked popsicles melting into the ground.

Additional Notes: Included letters of recommendation from the Florida Keys Arts Council and the Goldsboro, NC Development Corporation.