

Memorandum

To: Michael O. Geisel, City Administrator
From: Tom McCarthy, Director of Parks, Recreation and Arts
Date: May 23, 2017
Re: Placement of Flow Art Piece



Mike, with our new Art Policy for Review and Placement that was approved by Council back in March of this year, I would like to move forward the recommendation for the art piece "Flow" by Leland Drexler. The piece was part of the public sculpture contest that was held back in December of 2016. The piece was picked by a group of five residents on the Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizen Advisory Committee, myself, Jason and Sukanya, and then at our most recent Parks citizens Advisory Committee meeting on April 8, 2017, the placement was again reviewed and voted on to be placed around the west stream walk in Central Park.

There are two locations noted on the layout below. We will put in one or the other spots depending on what works best for the actual installation. The next step in this process is to move it onto the Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee of Council and then on to the full Council for their approval. The piece was originally picked with the general lake and stream walk location before we had the Art and Review Policy in place, but I thought it was important that we go back through the process for clarity and confirmation so everyone is on the same page.

Attached is a description of the pieces, inspiration, a few pictures of the pieces, and a map of the general location of the installation.

FLOW

Design Vision

Flow brings attention to the native Missouri wetlands plants, the Broadleaf Cattail, Typha

Latifolia and the Yellow Lotus, Nelumbo Lutea. Flow will feature four clusters of aluminum cattail sculptures following the Central Park's creek to a cluster of aluminum lotus' floating in the lake.

Aluminum stalks and lily pads with crystal cattails and flower will glimmer during the day. At night the sculptures come alive with light glowing from the crystal cattails and the lotus flower. The illuminated creek encourages guests to explore.

The sculpture will honor the waterways and ecosystems that make Chesterfield and Missouri such a pleasant place to live while adding a little magic to the scene. The goal of the project is draw people's attention away from their day-to-day life and invite them to explore the incredible ecosystem created by our wetlands.

Inspiration

American Lotus

Flowers range from 7-11 inches

Found in lakes or swamps

Was distributed across America as a food source



Broadleaf Cattail

5-10 feet tall

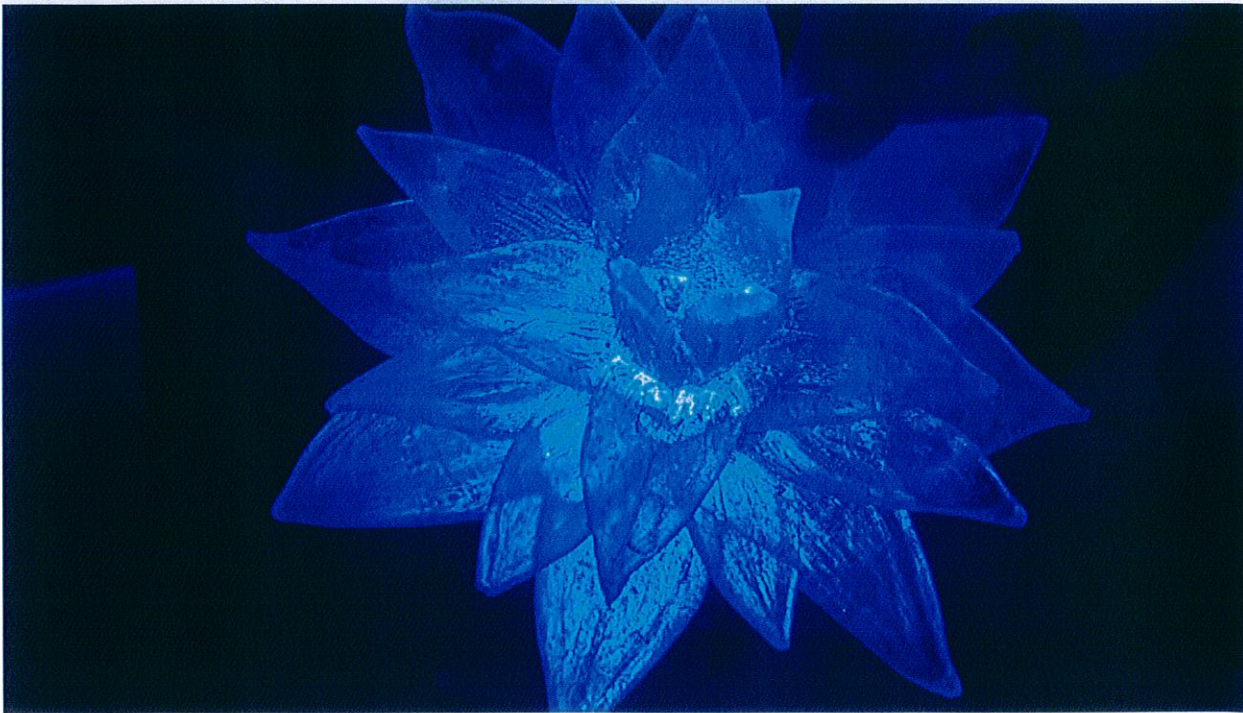
Prefers flooded areas and wetlands

Most common cattail





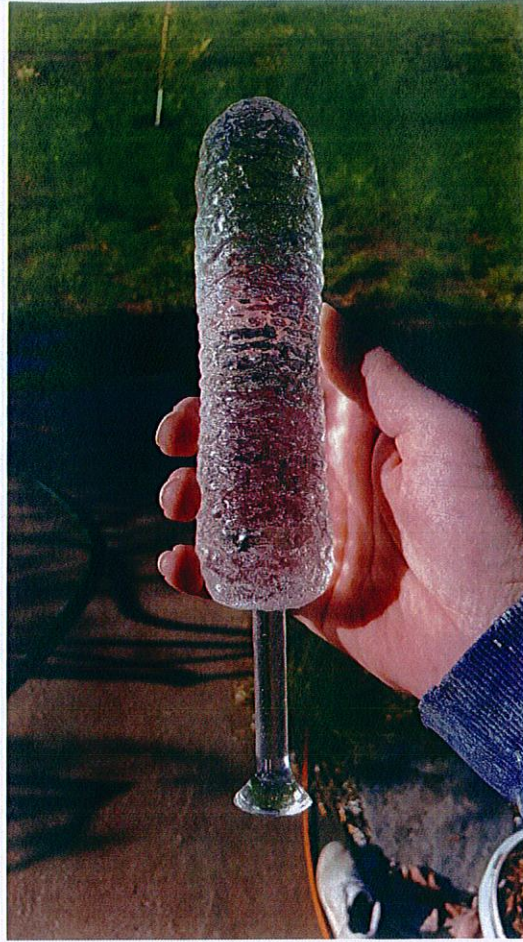
Model of one piece of the cattails of Flow



Lilly Crystal flower floating on the lake



Solar power station



Cattail that will light up



Two options, Red, general vicinity of the cattails, aqua is where the Lilly Crystal goes in the lake and green is where the solar flower will go.

I am requesting and recommend that we move this forward to the Parks Recreation and Arts Committee of Council for review and a recommendation to move it forward to the full Council, for review and approval. After we receive approval we will work with the artist to get the art work installed early this summer.