

MEMORANDUM

TO: Trustee Rick Soderstrom, Chairperson
Economic and Community Development Committee

FROM: David A. Hulseberg, AICP, Director of Community Development

DATE: November 30, 2005

SUBJECT: Downtown Public Art Program Proposal – “Some Day Soon”

BACKGROUND

In May 2005, a Downtown Public Art Program was established per the actions of the Economic and Community Development Committee and the Village Board of Trustees. This program allows works of art to be placed throughout the Downtown TIF and St. Charles Road TIF 1 West Districts. There is no limit on either the maximum project cost or the share of costs to be borne by the Village.

PROPOSAL

Staff currently has a proposal for a bronze sculpture to be placed in front of Fire Station #1 located at 50 E. St. Charles Road. This proposed bronze sculpture will replace the existing fiberglass sculpture in front of Fire Station #1 and will be in keeping with the bronze sculpture theme throughout the Downtown area. The existing painted fiberglass sculpture will then be moved to Fire Station #2. Bud Swanson, a local artist, is creating the piece known as “Some Day Soon” which is shown on the attached picture.

The total cost of the sculpture is \$12,000. Staff has received donations to cover one half of the project and \$6,000 in TIF funds are requested to fund the remainder of the project cost.

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff requests that the Economic and Community Development Committee recommend the Village Board authorize \$6,000 for the purchase of the proposed artwork.