

MEMORANDUM

TO: William J. Mueller, President and Board of Trustees

FROM: David A. Hulseberg, Director of Community Development

DATE: August 18, 2005

SUBJECT: **Downtown Public Art Program Proposal- St. Charles & Elizabeth**

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 sculpture to be placed near the Walgreens currently under construction at the southwest corner of Elizabeth Street and St. Charles Road. Bud Swanson, a local artist, is creating the piece as shown on the attached picture. The work will be made of painted fiberglass, similar to the sculpture outside Fire Station 1 on East St. Charles Road.

The total cost of the sculpture is \$14,000. Bradford Real Estate would like to donate \$7,000 to cover one-half the cost of the project, and \$7,000 in TIF funds are requested to fund the remainder of the project cost.

ACTION REQUESTED

At the August meeting, the Economic and Community Development Committee approved a recommendation to the Village Board to authorize \$7,000 for the purchase of the proposed artwork.