

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: David A. Hulseberg, Director of Community Development

DATE: December 27, 2005

SUBJECT: Downtown Public Art Program – 50 E. St. Charles Rd. (Fire Station No. 1)

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

At their December 6, 2005 meeting the Economic and Community Development Committee reviewed 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 as shown on the attached picture. The Committee recommended that the Village Board authorize \$6,000 in Village TIF funds to cover one-half the cost of this proposed artwork.

ACTION REQUESTED

1. That the Village Board make a motion authorizing \$6,000 in TIF funds for the purchase of the proposed artwork known as “Some Day Soon.”
2. That the Village Board approve a resolution to authorize the signatures of the Village President and Clerk on the attached agreement relative to the proposed artwork known as “Some Day Soon.”

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