

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: Park Board

Agenda Item #: VI.B.

From: Susan Faus
Parks & Recreation Assistant Director

Action

Discussion

Date: April 14, 2015

Information

Subject: Centennial Lakes Park Sculpture Donation

Action Requested:

Review and comment

Information / Background:

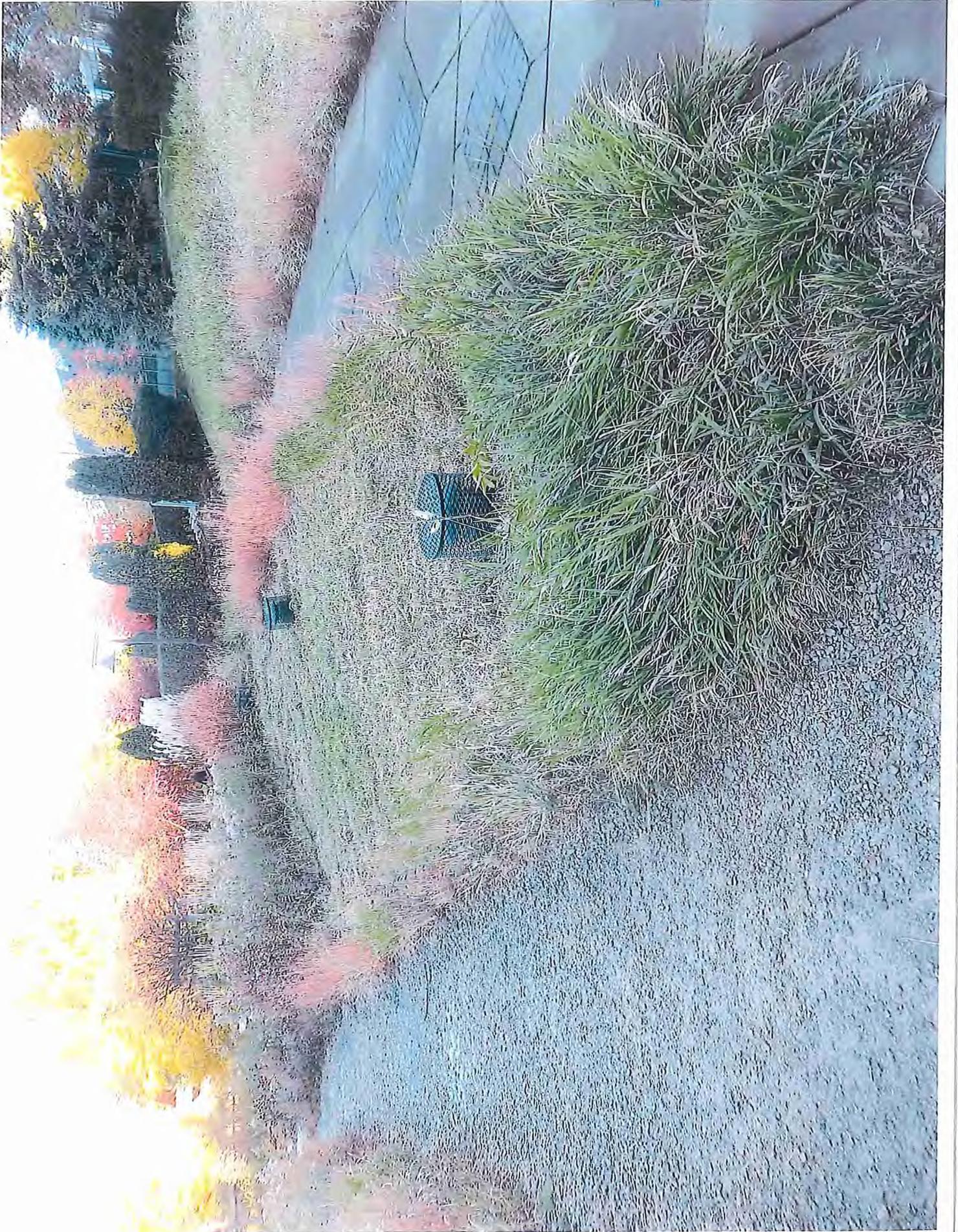
The Edina Community Foundation, through a gift from former Northwest Airlines employees, would like to donate three life-sized bronze sculptures to the City of Edina. These sculptures would be installed along the lower walkway in the northeast part of Centennial Lakes Park. These sculptures would be created and installed by Edina artist Nick Legeros. All three pieces would have an aviation theme to honor Northwest Airlines employees and former CEO Donald Nyrop, a longtime Edina resident. The sculpture project includes life-sized bronze figures of a young girl and boy holding model airplanes, as well as a family including a father, mother, boy and girl as they exit what appears to be an airplane door frame. The base has a slight relief of the flight patterns of former NWA routes on a map.

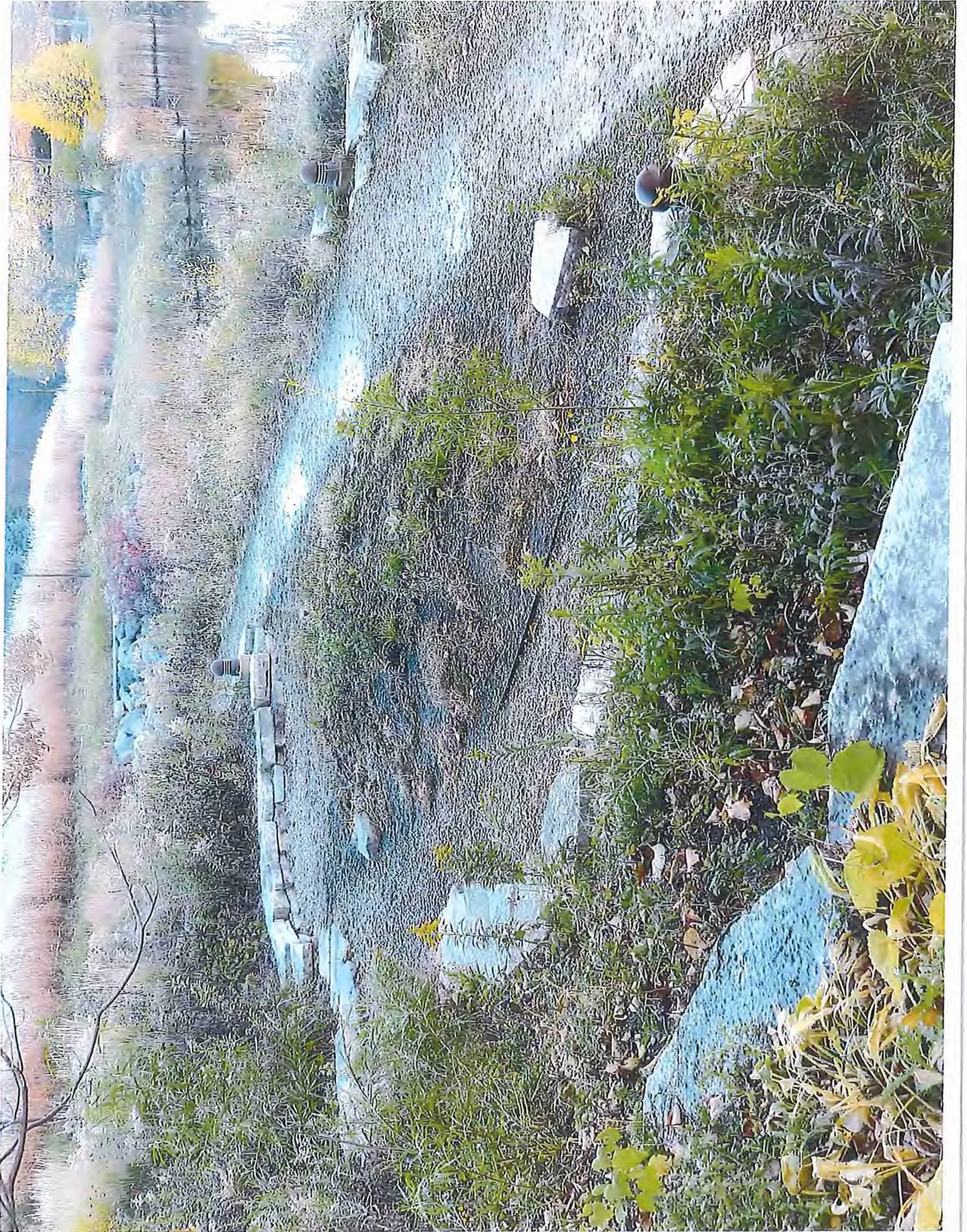
The donation of this artwork is endorsed by the Edina Public Art. The sculptures are all appropriate for the public park environment with minimal maintenance required. Included in the project is the plan to provide the park with periodic work crews, under the direction of Tom Shirley, General Manager of Centennial Lakes Park, to help in the maintenance and beautification of the area around the sculptures.

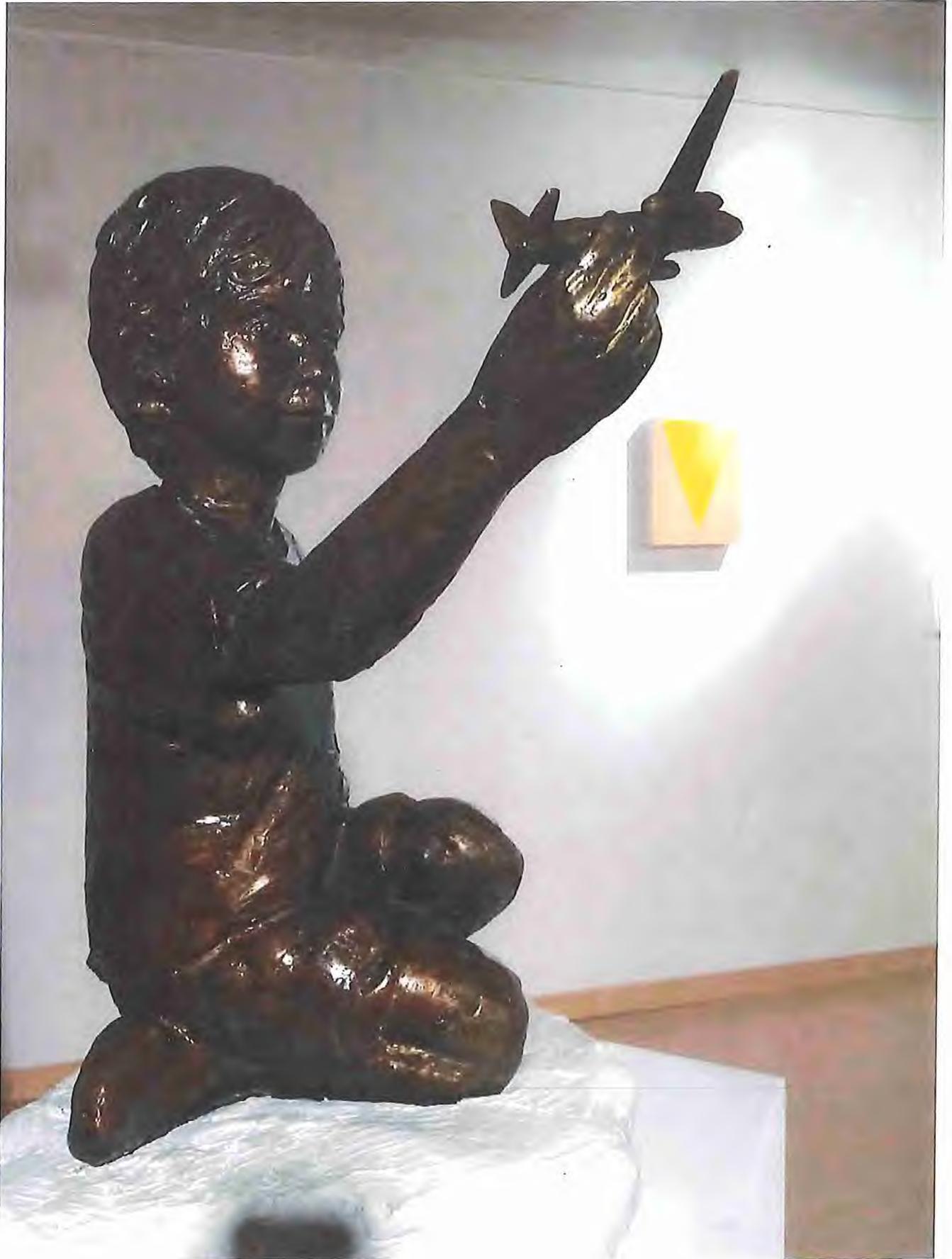
The value of the three pieces is \$135,000; this includes the sculptures and installation. The sculptures would be scheduled for installation in the summer of 2015. Staff fully support the location of the sculptures in the park and believe that this project will greatly enhance the overall appearance of the park. The donation will be presented to City Council for approval at the May 6 meeting.

Attachments:

Diagrams of the sculptures
Picture of location in the park









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