

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development Division

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TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Pauline Tannos, Public Arts Coordinator

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SUBJECT: *Stranger Reduction Zone* by Timothy Flood – acquisition for the City of Urbana’s permanent collection

Update

The ordinance of 2008 (2008-03-013) designates that the Public Arts Commission will submit, for confirmation, proposals to the Mayor and City Council confirming the receipt, purchase, maintenance, dispossession, and de-accession of works of art to be permanently placed on municipal property.

Stranger Reduction Zone by Timothy Flood has been on display near the south entrance of The Urbana Free Library since fall 2014. As part of the Urbana Sculpture Program, a selection of public sculptures from local, regional and national artists are installed and rotated in the city every two years. Timothy Flood, one of the artists selected in 2014, offered the City of Urbana the opportunity to purchase *Stranger Reduction Zone* for an additional \$2,500.

Staff published an online survey to gather input from community members, and about 70% of respondents recommend that *Stranger Reduction Zone* be made permanent.

Discussion

The original value of the sculpture is \$4,000. After two years of leasing, the balance due is \$2,500 as Timothy Flood, the artist, has allowed the lease to count towards the overall price. In FY16-17, staff has recommended that a total of \$6,000 is allocated for the purchase and/or lease of sculptures. Therefore, if *Stranger Reduction Zone* is acquired, there would be \$3,500 left in the budget to lease sculptures for FY16-17.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Public Arts Commission vote on whether or not the Urbana Public Arts Program should acquire *Stranger Reduction Zone* and add the piece to the City of Urbana's permanent collection.

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Attachment A. *Stranger Reduction Zone* Survey Results

Attachment B. *Stranger Reduction Zone* Pictures