

Work Session of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on June 4, 2024, at 6:00 PM, Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. Staff Discussion Items

Mayor Pro Tem Paulson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. 2024-129 Arts in the Open 2023-24 Purchase Recommendations

Melissa Patterson, Committee Chair, Art Sandy Springs presented the Arts in the Open 2023-24 Purchase Recommendations.

In 2018, the City began funding the Annual ArtSS Walk, Arts in the Open sculpture competition. Each year, nine sculpture finalists are selected from hundreds of entries from around the country. The works are displayed on the City Green at City Springs, creating an annually changing sculpture art gallery in the park. At the conclusion of each exhibit, selected works from the finalists are purchased and placed in permanent locations by the City.

This year, Art Sandy Springs would like to give the City *Caprice*, a stainless steel and bronze sculpture by Charles Pilkey with the proposed permanent location at the Abernathy Arts Center.

Caprice

by Charles Pilkey of Mint Hill, NC

Material: Stainless Steel, Bronze

Dimensions: 11' X 6' X 3'

Suggested Location: Abernathy Arts Center

Artist Statement: "A work of whimsy... there are two kinds of artworks... those that offer escape from the world and those that protest the world's injustice. As the title suggests, *Caprice* is of the former type, an entertaining work of whimsy intended to provide temporary rest from the mad rush of modernity."



The recommended pieces for purchase include:

1. *Nesting*, a steel and driftwood sculpture by Richard Herzog (\$11,000), is proposed to be placed at Morgan Falls Overlook Park where many of the City's birding programs take place.

Nesting

by Richard Herzog of Athens, GA

Material: Steel, Driftwood

Dimensions: 7' X 7' X 6'

Price: \$11,000

Suggested Location: Morgan Falls
Overlook Park

Artist Statement: "My work explores botanical forms, the lack of interaction between man and nature, the artificialization of nature, and the patterning that occurs in nature. This sculpture talks about organization and the chaotic nature within natural and man-made forms."



2. **UpCycle**, made of steel, bicycle wheels, and paint, by sculptor Joni Younkings-Herzog (\$4,600), is proposed to be placed along the trail at Abernathy Greenway South.

UpCycle

by Joni Younkings-Herzog of Athens, GA

Medium: Steel, Bicycle Wheels, Paint

Dimensions: 10' x 8' x 10'

Price: \$4,600

Suggested Location: Abernathy
Greenway South

Artist Statement: "This artwork was inspired by recycling and the interesting variety presented by the differences of wheels. The concept was to repurpose older bicycles into a work of art that celebrated professional and amateur cycling, art, music, community, and recycling."



3. **Flowing Arches**, painted steel by sculptor Matt Moyer (\$5,700), to be placed at Windsor Meadows Park.

Flowing Arches

by Matt Moyer of Columbia, MO

Medium: Painted Steel

Dimensions: 10' x 8' x 2'

Price: \$5,700

Suggested location: Windsor Meadows
Park

Artist Statement: "This sculpture explores how different people and communities (the varied colored arches) are connected by bridges (the pylon-type legs) and rivers (the wave-like form)."



The total to purchase the three recommended sculptures is \$21,300. Associated costs for installation,

signage, etc. can be accommodated within the existing capital project fund (A0001).

Mayor Pro Tem John Paulson thanked **Art Sandy Springs Committee Chair Patterson** and staff for their efforts. There is a lot of work that goes into these decisions. We look forward to discussing your recommendations.

Councilmember Tibby DeJulio asked how many sculptures are currently around the City?

Art Sandy Springs Committee Chair Patterson said this program is five years old since inception, and we just did the call for entry for the sixth year of the contest. There are twenty-nine pieces that have been either gifted to the City or purchased by the City, excluding the Playable Art Park which was before this annual program.

Councilmember DeJulio said when City Hall was built, we discussed the number of walls here, and unfortunately most are blank. For a long time there were no pictures in the café, but some are there now. Art Sandy Springs should consider a program with other artist to show off their works and to beautify City Hall.

Art Sandy Springs Committee Chair Patterson said there have been discussions and we will continue this to put beautiful art on the walls.

Councilmember Jody Reichel said there is a lot of work happening at the Abernathy Arts Center. When will Caprice be installed?

Art Sandy Springs Committee Chair Patterson said that is determined by final approval. We will deinstall these pieces the first week of August, and some pieces the City already owns, or were gifted may go into storage. We want a quick, safe, and the most opportune time to put a new sculpture.

Councilmember Melody Kelley asked how many pieces did not make the cut?

Art Sandy Springs Committee Chair Patterson said there are nine on display currently. Five did not make the cut - Luminaria, Change in Direction, The Reader, Candy for Sandy, and Digital Age.

Councilmember Kelley asked where will Nesting be located in Morgan Falls?

Art Sandy Springs Committee Chair Patterson said the exact location is not known, but the Morgan Falls setting has some ideal places.

Councilmember Kelley asked will pieces be stored for use near the trail?

Art Sandy Springs Committee Chair Patterson said two pieces will be stored. One was gifted to the City by the Sandy Springs Conservancy, and the other was purchased by the City last year.

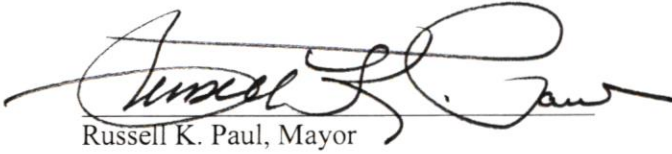
Councilmember Kelley asked will it be on the trail being built near Morgan Falls?

Art Sandy Springs Committee Chair Patterson said my understanding is it will be near the Springway Trail.

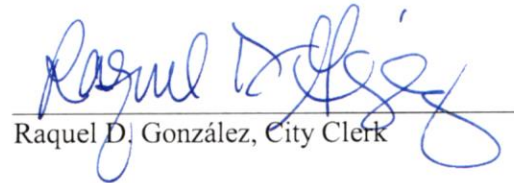
II. City Council Discussion Items

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Approved: June 18, 2024



Russell K. Paul, Mayor



Raquel D. González, City Clerk