



DATE: January 27, 2022

AGENDA ITEM # 7

TO: Public Arts Commission
FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison
SUBJECT: Sculpture Conservation

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an update from the Sculpture Conservation subcommittee

BACKGROUND

The 2021-22 Public Arts Commission Work Plan includes an item to “monitor, recommend and document actions for loaned and City-owned outdoor sculptures (including required maintenance and conservation).”

DISCUSSION

A subcommittee of Vice Chair King and Commissioners Corrigan and Couture was formed to evaluate and develop a conservation strategy.

Attachment: Sculpture Maintenance Spreadsheet

ID #	Title	Stability	Sculpt. Corrosion	Needs Cleaning	Sprinkler Damage	Needs Putty and/or Paint	Graffiti	Other Issues	Materials (best guess)
1	Alegria							does rotation mechanism work?	P, A, I, rotation mechanism
2	Arches								P,I,SS
3	Australian Cattle Dog								B
4	Bird								SS, concrete base
5	Conversaton Peace							base rust OK	A,P,stone
6	Convolute of the Square								P,I
7	Veteran's Memorial - Cradle of Liberty								B,stone
8	Dancers							rust is OK, check that fasteners are holding	C
9	Dancing Man								P, SS
10	Diamond Jubilee							rust is OK	C
11	Dragonfly							slowly disintegrating, do not repair	I,glass
12	Egrets								B
13	The Guardian								B
14	Imagine That								A,P
15	Jasper Priestess								glazed ceramic
16	Magic Fish								I,P
18,19,20	Midnight Stomp Series								B,I (base)
21	Musical Gambol							bad rust and faded paint	I,P
22	Mutha Hen								M
23	Olympic Wannabees							are lights uncovered and working?	B
24	Pax Nova								SS
25	Seal Head								B
26	Shlama								B
27	Smoke								SS
28	Space Dance for Peace							rust is OK	C
33	Take Heart							does rotation mechanism work?	I, P, nonmagnetic discs, rotation mechanism
29	Replica of The Thinker								B
30	Will You Dance with Me							look for surface holes	P, fiberglass, filler
31	Zoo Scapes								P, wood armature, filler
32	Walter Singer Bust								B
		Lightly shake to see if it could fall over.	Some art is meant to rust. Let bronze corrode. Check if corrosion will cause damage to structure.	Cleaning should be gentle only. Water and soft brushing.	Is art located where sprinklers could damage? Should it be moved?	Check for holes in surface or exposed base material.	Can graffiti be safely removed without damaging art? If not safe, report to Arts Commission.		B = bronze I = iron or steel SS = stainless steel C = weathering steel A = aluminum P = painted M = mosaic