

City of Fayetteville Staff Review Form

City Council Agenda Items
and
Contracts, Leases or Agreements

11/15/2011

City Council Meeting Date
Agenda Items Only

Connie Edmonston *CE*
Submitted By

Division

Parks & Recreation
Department

Action Required:

A resolution approving the donation of a dogwood blossom bench by Jimmy and Jeanie Hill to be designed and built by local artist, Eugene Sargent at Wilson Park. This donated art project was approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Fayetteville Arts Council on October 26, 2011.

<u>n/a</u> Cost of this request	\$ <u>-</u> Category / Project Budget	<u>-</u> Program Category / Project Name
<u>-</u> Account Number	\$ <u>-</u> Funds Used to Date	<u>-</u> Program / Project Category Name
<u>-</u> Project Number	\$ <u>-</u> Remaining Balance	<u>-</u> Fund Name

Budgeted Item

Budget Adjustment Attached

Connie Edmonston
Department Director 10-27-11
Date

Previous Ordinance or Resolution # _____

[Signature]
City Attorney 10-28-2011
Date

Original Contract Date: _____

Original Contract Number: _____

Paul a. Beeler
Finance and Internal Services Director 10-28-2011
Date

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[Signature]
Chief of Staff 10-31-11
Date

Received in Mayor's Office
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10/28/11
[Signature]

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Mayor 10/31/11
Date

Comments:



THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS
DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMO

To: Mayor Lioneld Jordan and City Council

Thru: Don Marr, Chief of Staff

From: Connie Edmonston, Parks and Recreation Director *C.E.*
Leif Olson, Long Range Planner *LO*

Date: October 27, 2011

Subject: Public Donated Art Request

PROPOSAL:

Jimmy and Jeanie Hill have requested to donate a bench valued at \$7,000 to be placed in Wilson Park's garden north of the east parking lot by the flagstone garden path. This pathway was also donated by the Hills in 2009. The Hill family worked with Eugene Sargent, a local artist, to design and build the dogwood blossom bench constructed with colored ferro-cement and steel. The art project will include a dogwood blossom paver path that will attach to the existing flagstone path. The colors in the bench will be the same as a typical dogwood flower. Color will be incorporated into the cement with strengthening additives that promote growth of crystal structures that water proof and strengthen the cement. The bench structure will have an overall length of 18 feet including the leaves that serve as a border and the bench will be 5 feet high. A 4" by 5" engraved bronze plaque will be incorporated into the leaves on the side of the bench stating "Garden path and bench gift of Jimmy and Jeanie Hill." This meets the donor recognition signs policy.

The dogwood bench area will serve as an ideal spot for taking photographs in the gardens. Lisa Netherland, Park Horticulturist, will periodically change the landscape surrounding the bench to enhance this area for photo opportunities. The bench will be assembled on-site. Mr. Sargent also designed and built the three existing concrete benches in the Wilson Park Castle area that have been a very popular attraction and have held up very well. This project will start upon approval of the City Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

The dogwood bench project is considered a donated art project and because it is valued over \$5,000, it must be approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Fayetteville Arts Council and City Council. Both the Parks Board and Arts Council approved this project at their Wednesday, October 26, 2011 board meetings. Parks and Recreation Staff recommend approval of this bench in Wilson Park.

BUDGET IMPACT:

This project should have little to no impact on the budget.

Attachments:

Donated Public Art/Monument/Memorial Request Packet
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board October 26, 2011 Meeting Minutes
Fayetteville Arts Council October 26, 2011 Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DONATION OF A PUBLIC BENCH IN WILSON PARK AND TO THANK JIMMY AND JEANIE HILL FOR THIS DONATION

WHEREAS, Jimmy and Jeanie Hill have offered to donate a public bench valued at \$7,000.00 to be constructed along a garden path in Wilson Park; and

WHEREAS, both the Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Fayetteville Arts Council have approved this project; and

WHEREAS, the Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Division recommends approval of this proposed donation and the construction of the bench which will contain a four inch by five inch engraved bronze plaque stating: "Garden path and bench gift of Jimmy and Jeanie Hill."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby approves the proposed donation for the construction of a park bench with engraved recognition plaque in Wilson Park and expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Jimmy and Jeanie Hill for their generous donation and their employment of local artist, Eugene Sargent, to complete this project.

PASSED and APPROVED this 15th day of November, 2011.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

By: _____
LIONELD JORDAN, Mayor

By: _____
SONDRA E. SMITH, City Clerk/Treasurer



**FAYETTEVILLE ARTS COUNCIL
DONATED PUBLIC ART / MONUMENT / MEMORIAL
REQUEST FORM**

Name: Lisa Netherland, Horticulturist, City of Fayetteville Parks and Recreation

Address: 113. W. Mountain St.

City: Fayetteville State: AR Zip: 72701

Phone – Home (office) (479) 444-0305 Work/Cell (479)287-1504

Email: lnetherland@ci.fayetteville.ar.us

1. Types of Donation

Monument

Fountain

Sculpture

Other (Please specify below.)

Memorial

Ferro cement bench with tile foot path.

2. Artist Description of Donated Art/Monument: A written description of the background/historical information associated with any donated art item, including but not limited to, information about the creation of the item(s) and materials used. Additional information may be attached. (Models and/or pictures are to be attached or submitted with the proposal.)

Dogwood Blossom bench with dogwood blossom paver path to be constructed

with colored ferro-cement and steel. Color is incorporated into cement with

strengthening additives that promote growth of crystal structures that water proof

& strengthen cement. Dogwood leaves will create a 15 inch tall border to define

the front and back of the garden. Dimensions: overall length 18 ft., height 5 ft

Color: bench is typical dogwood flower, footpath to match existing flagstone path.

If a plaque is requested in this project, please complete the following:

Plaque Exact Wording: Garden path and bench gift of Jimmy and Jeanie Hill

Size of Plaque: 4 inches x 5 inches

Plaque Material: engraved bronze

3. **Biography of artist(s):** (To be attached.)

4. **Location for Donation:** (Please prioritize.)

Priority 1

Site: Wilson Park

Specific Location: Garden north of east parking lot.
(Please attach a map.)

Site Geographic Justification: Donor request. Site is in relationship to
previous donation of the flagstone garden path.

Priority 2

Site: n/a

Specific Location: _____
(Please attach a map.)

Site Geographic Justification: _____

Priority 3

Site: n/a

Specific Location: _____
(Please attach a map.)

Site Geographic Justification: _____

5. Project Budget

Site Preparation Required: **Cost:** included
Narrative: Hand dig, cut and fill dirt. Fill dirt to be used behind
structure

Foundation: **Cost:** included
Narrative: Five rebar reinforced concrete piers 1.5 feet depth
and 1 foot wide

Donated Art/Monument/Memorial: **Cost:** \$7,000.00

Electricity Required: **Cost:** 0
Be specific: None

Lighting Required: **Cost:** 0
Be specific: None

Maintenance/Endowment: **Cost:** 0
Note: A maintenance plan must be attached. If an
Endowment Fund is setup, please give proper justification
for the funding required.

Other: **Cost:** 0
Be specific: No maintenance has been required on previous
benches.

Total Project Cost: \$ 7,000

6. Cost Exclusion: Please list any cost or part of the project that will not be provided by the artist / donor.
None

7. Additional Employment Required by Artist: Please list additional party(s) hired or employed by artist to assist with work:
None

8. Written explanation of legal issues, including but not limited to, identifying the current legal owner of the items, the existence of any copyrights, patents or other title rights in or to the item(s) - such as any interests to remain with the artist or designer of the item(s), and an explanation of any conditions or limitations on the donation of the item(s) and whether the City or donor will pay for such costs.

The, bench, border and tile foot path will be the property of the City of Fayetteville

The donor requested the Wilson Park location and that the plaque read as stated

above. No other conditions exist, there are no copyrights or patents to this item.

9. The estimated value of each item, including appraisals of the item(s) if available:
The value of the bench and foot path are \$7000.00

10. The anticipated date for the project to begin, construction schedule, and completion date: November 14, 2011. Construction schedule will be daily when temperatures are above freezing with no rain.

11. Environmental effects of the item(s): None

12. Anticipated life of the item(s): Minimum 30 years to indefinite.

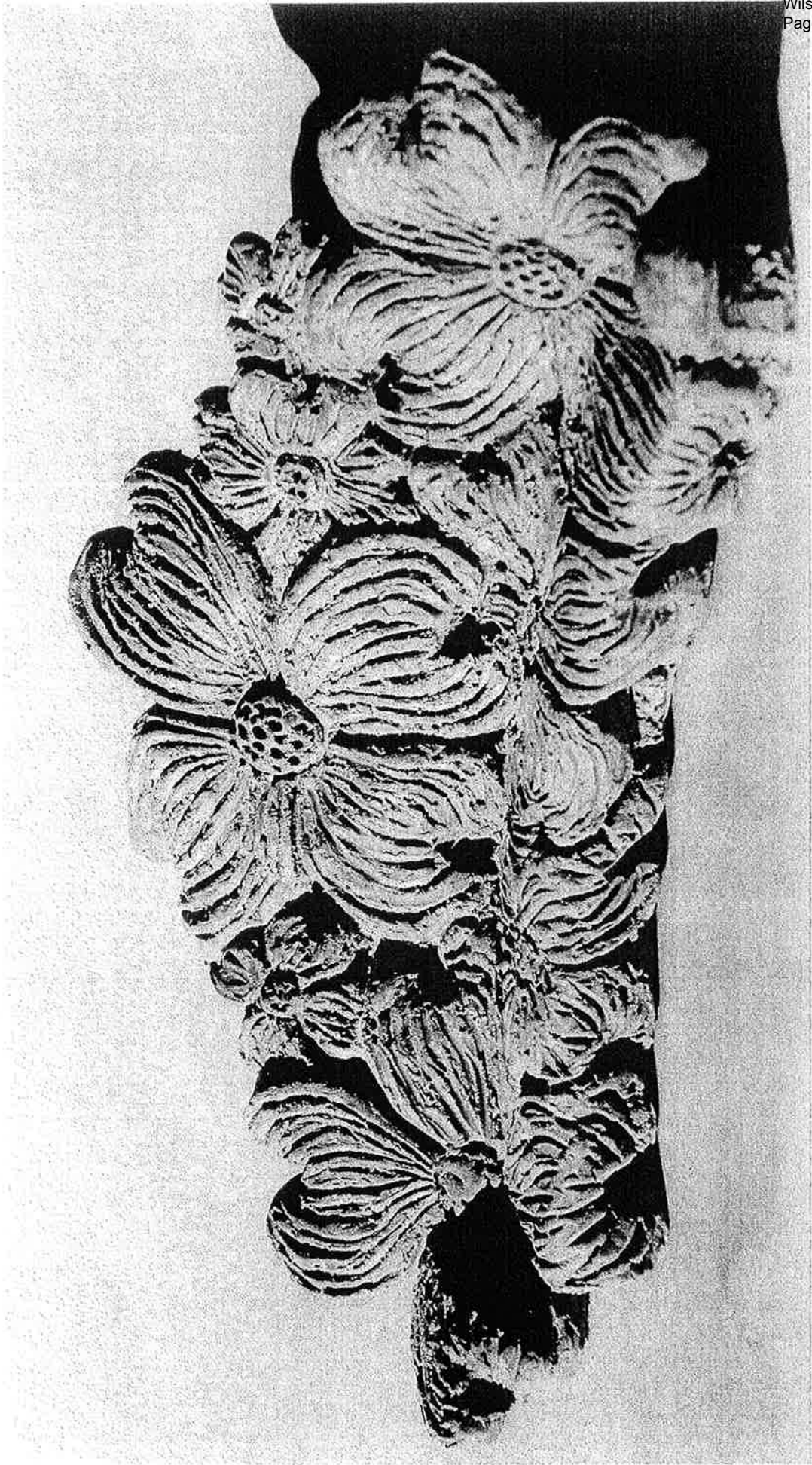
13. Please attach public support for the proposed donation.

14. Please attach a warrant of originality (if applicable).

Please include any additional information or documentation you deem as necessary or appropriate for the Fayetteville Arts Council to evaluate the project. Failure to provide the information outlined above may result in the City's rejection of this proposal until all the requested information is provided.



Proposed Bench Location at Wilson Park

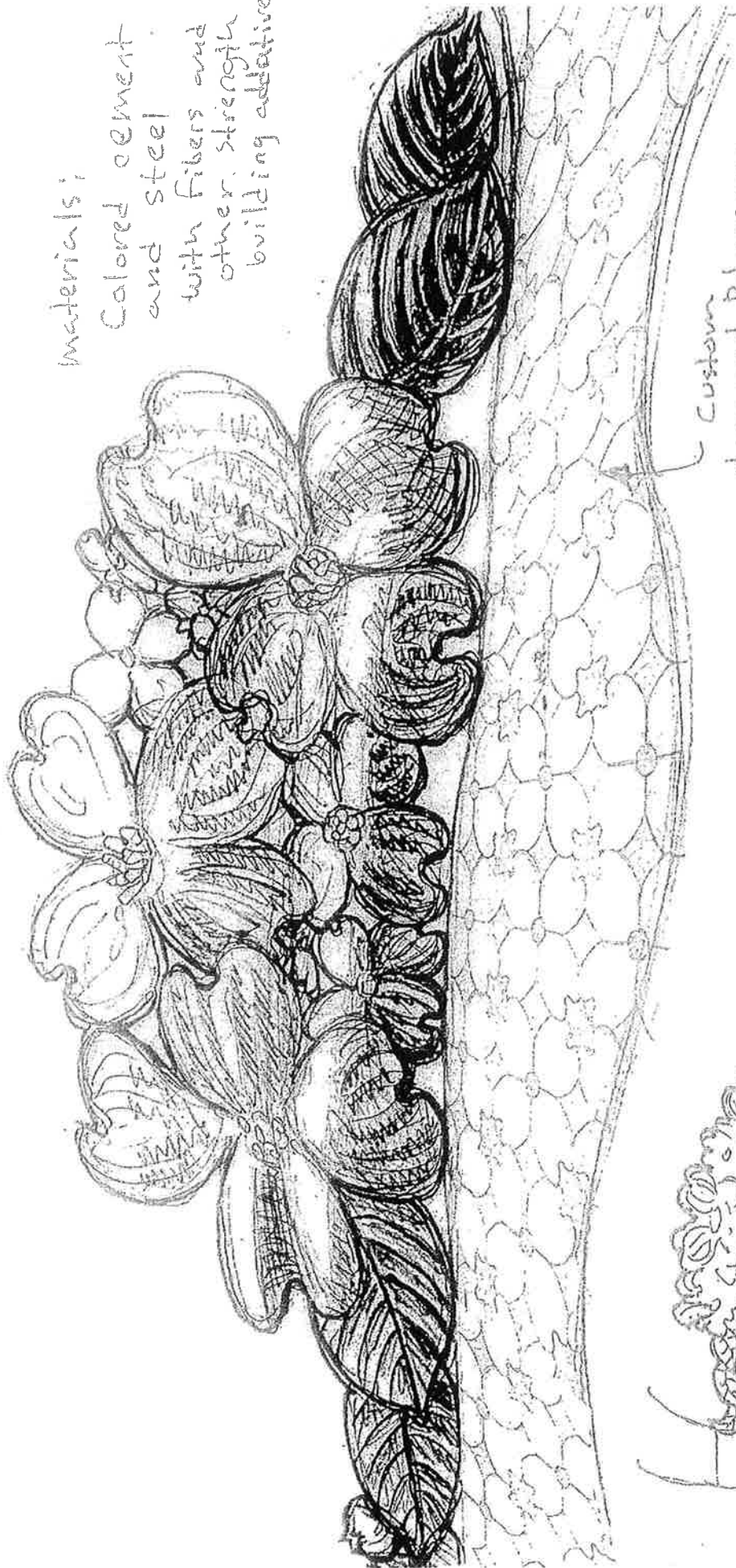


A clay model of the Dogwood Bench

A Dogwood Blossom Bench for Wilson Park by Eugene Sargent

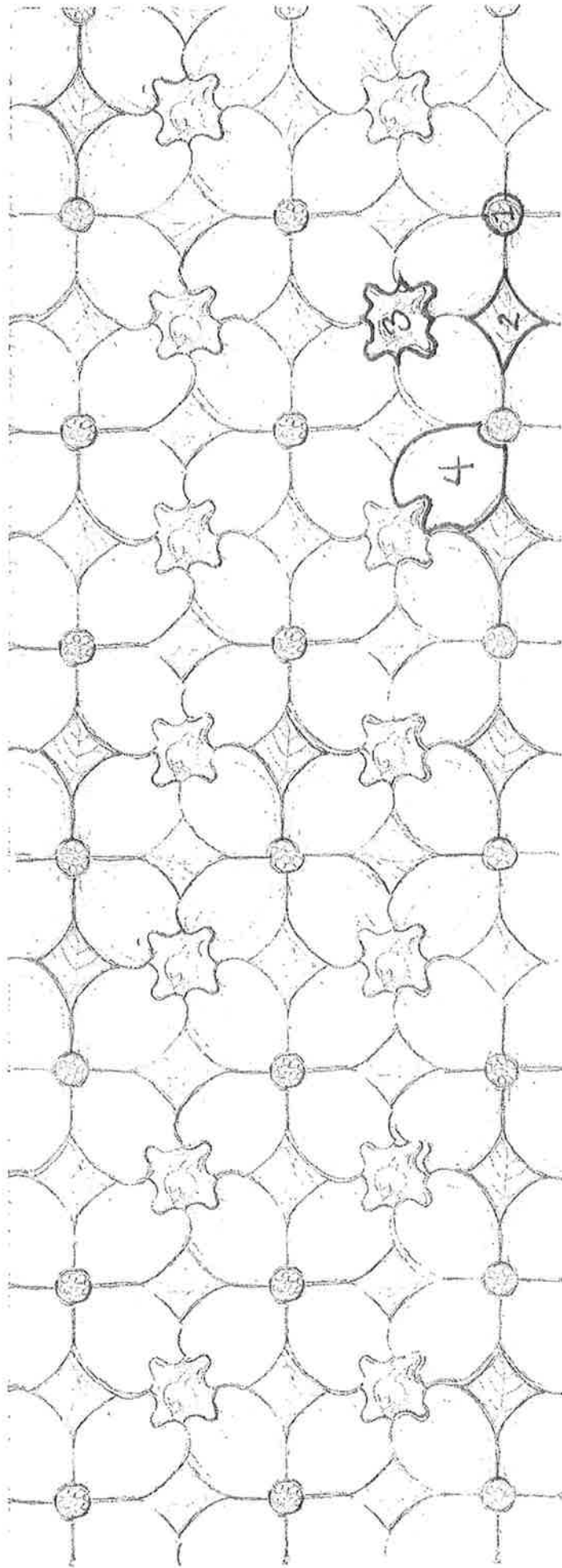
- 18' - TOTAL LENGTH
- 12' - BENCH LENGTH
- 5' - MAX. HEIGHT

materials:
Colored cement
and steel
with fibers and
other strength
building additives



Custom
dogwood Blossom
pavers





Paver design: 4 different Shapes

Cast in a range of earthtones
to harmonize with existing
flagstone pathway.

October 24, 2011

Attachment to:
FAYETTEVILLE ARTS COUNCIL
DONATED PUBLIC ART/MONUMENT/MEMORIAL
REQUEST FORM

Biography of artist:

Eugene Sargent lives near Fayetteville on a hobby farm with his wife and children. He likes to tackle unusual problems, creating artistic and utilitarian pieces. Since 1990 he has worked in a wide variety of mediums including drawing and painting with oil and water color. Eugene is a metal smith; he creates art castings and fabricates steel. He has a machine shop where he does precision milling and turning. He has been creating ferro-cement features for 15 years. His ferro-cement work includes two benches and a "worm" retainer wall at the Castle at Wilson Park, the "Reading Railroad" at the Botanical Garden, and a bigger-than-life butterfly at Leverett Elementary School.

Lisa Netherland - Dogwood bench in Wilson Park

From: Jeanie Hill <jeanie.calnini@gmail.com>
To: Lisa Netherland <lnetherland@ci.fayetteville.ar.us>
Date: 10/24/2011 2:38 PM
Subject: Dogwood bench in Wilson Park

This letter is sent in public support of the addition of a Dogwood Bench and Path to be designed and constructed by Eugene Sargent and installed in the garden donated by Jimmy Hill in memory and in honor of Bennie Johnson and Jeanie Johnson Hill in 2009.

This bench is meant to enhance the existing garden and to provide additional seating and a spot with a beautiful background for taking photos. The bench will be about seven feet long to accommodate large groups or families and the "leaf berms" along the sides will help hold the steep bank and prevent erosion and washing of mulch onto the path.

We think that this will be an asset to Wilson Park and in keeping with the other artistic benches nearby.

Jeanie and Jimmy Hill



FAYETTEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes for October 26, 2011

Opening:

A special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Jim Meinecke at 5:35 p.m. in Room 111 at the City Administration Building at 113 West Mountain Street in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Present:

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members Bailey, Thompson, Meinecke, Mason, Waite, and Meldrum were present. Absent were Lindsey, Hazelrigs, and Watson. Staff members Edmonston, Netherland, and Thomas were in attendance. Leif Olsen from Strategic Planning also attended.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA:

The Special Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is called to order for the purpose of reviewing a donated art project to be located in a City Park. According to the Fayetteville Arts Council's Policy, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is to review projects that have a significant impact on a City Park or a recreational program. PRAB's recommendation for this project is submitted to the Fayetteville Arts Council and the Arts Council will forward approved items to the City Council for final approval.

Donated Art Project Request: Jimmy and Jeanie Hill have requested to donate a ferro-cement bench to be placed in Wilson Park's garden north of the east parking lot by the flagstone garden path. This pathway was also donated by the Hill family. The Hills worked with Eugene Sargent, a local artist, to design and build the dogwood blossom bench with a dogwood blossom paver path constructed with colored ferro-cement and steel. Mr. Sargent also designed and built the three existing concrete benches in the Wilson Park Castle area. Edmonston said that a great artist, Eugene Sargent, is ready to begin the project. Because this donation is considered an art project and the cost is \$7,000, it has to be approved by PRAB, Arts Council, and the City Council.

Lisa Netherland, a City horticulturist, said that this is a very exciting project. It will be located in Wilson Park in the garden north of the east parking lot. A paver path will also be constructed. The flagstone path

currently there was donated by the same donor, and they wanted a special bench. It's an 18 foot bench and will be in a dogwood pattern. It will be constructed with colored ferro-cement and steel. It will be the color of dogwood flowers. The back of the bench will be high enough that it's over people's heads.

Meinecke wanted to know if the leaves on the bench will make it 18 feet. Netherland said yes. She said it will be spectacular. Meinecke said that area of the park is beautiful.

Meldrum wanted to know if dogwood would be planted behind it. Netherland said possibly. The background will be ever-changing. A plaque that says the donors are Jimmy and Jeanie Hill will be embedded in one of the leaves.

Edmonston said Mr. Sargent has made other benches in Wilson Park. They have been there several years and have needed absolutely no maintenance.

Meinecke asked if the bench would be a metal frame with something over it. Netherland said yes. The artist will be using steel covered with ferro-cement with additives that promote growth of crystal structures that waterproof and strengthen cement. She added that none of his benches have ever been vandalized with graffiti.

Mason asked if the pavers would be custom made. Netherland said that Mr. Sargent will make them. They will be four different shapes cast in a range of earthtones to harmonize with the existing flagstone pathway.

Edmonston said that if PRAB approves this tonight, and the Art Council approves it, it will go before the City Council.

Meinecke said he is blown away with this project. There will be a lot of pictures taken there.

Parks Staff Recommendation: To approve the donated bench as designated in the attached map in Wilson Park. The current concrete benches built by Eugene Sargent have held up excellent in the park.

PRAB Recommendation: Meldrum motioned to accept the staff recommendation and approve the donated bench, and Waite seconded it. Motion passed 6-0-0 by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm

Minutes taken by Melanie Thomas

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
FAYETTEVILLE ARTS COUNCIL**

A regular meeting of the Fayetteville Arts Council was held on October 26, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 111 in the City Administration Building at 113 W. Mountain Street, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

ACTION TAKEN

Approval of minutes from Aug. 3rd 2011 meeting

Approved

Public Art Donation – Wilson Park bench

Approved

Review and Discuss 2011 Goals and Action Steps

No Action Required

MEMBERS PRESENT

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dianne Williams
Erin Jepson
Jay Baker
Janie Agee
Martin Miller
Cyd King

Hank Kaminsky
Betsy Gross
Jessica Minton

STAFF PRESENT

STAFF ABSENT

Leif Olson
Connie Edmonston, Parks and Recreation Director
Lisa Netherland, Parks and Recreation Horticulturist

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Baker at 6:35 p.m.

I. Announcements: None

II. Approval of the Minutes

Council member King made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2011 and council member Jepson seconded the motion. Upon roll call the motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

III. Public Art Donation of a Dogwood Flower Blossom Bench in Wilson Park.

Lisa Netherland presented the Arts Council with a proposed bench donated by Jimmy and Jeanie Hill and created by local artist Eugene Sargent to be located in Wilson Park. The proposed bench will represent dogwood flowers and be constructed of colored ferrocement and steel. The benches overall dimensions will be 18' long and 5' high. Additionally, a dogwood blossom paved path would be constructed of pavers that are created and fired by Eugene Sargent in a dogwood flower pattern. Lisa Netherland explained that the path and bench will provide park visitors with a natural gathering area suitable for group or family photos. The proposed site is in the garden north of the east parking lot overlooking the ballfield. This site is in relation to the previous donation by Jimmy and Jeanie Hill for the flagstone garden located here. Eugene Sargent would do all of the construction in place on-site as weather permits this fall.

The Arts Council clarified the proposed location and commented positively about all of the sculptures and benches that have been designed and constructed by Mr. Sargent.

Council member Agee made a motion to approve the dogwood flower bench donation. Council member Williams seconded the motion. The Arts Council voted 6-0-0 in favor of forwarding the bench sculpture donation to the City Council with a recommendation of approval.

IV. Review and discuss the Arts Council 2011 Goals and Action Steps.

Staff updated the Arts Council on the progress of the 2011 action steps that had completed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:00 P.M.

