

The sub-committee recommends that the international sculpture garden be the home of many sculptures that reflect international heroes that have contributed to democracy and freedom around the world. As examples, heroes suggested were Nelson Mandela and Cesar Chavez. Also included should be our local heroes that reflect the history of Carson such as Japanese farming families.

The sub-committee has isolated a location on the grassy knoll located between the footbridge and the community center (Exhibit No. 5). There is a concern regarding the location due to the fact that there are approximately 12 weddings per year held outside the community center on the grassy knoll. Should sculptures be installed, this location may no longer be considered a desirable location for weddings.

Any organization or foundation that was recognized by the city could come forward with a proposal to donate a sculpture to the international sculpture garden. All proposals would be reviewed by the Landscape and Monument sub-committee for approval. Any proposal for the international sculpture garden would have to include the sculpture, the platform and/or pedestal, and a long-term agreement to maintain the sculpture indefinitely.

Most of the sculpture gardens staff has researched have a wide variety of art in their gardens –not just statues. However there are parks such as Central Park in New York City that have a wide variety of statues that may be more in line with the mission of this proposed project (Exhibit No. 6).

V. FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this project will be absorbed within the fiscal year at the time a sculpture is given to the city. City costs associated with this request would include installation, scheduling unveilings and general grounds maintenance.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Landscape and Monument sub-committee disposition from Aug. 9, 2010. (pgs. 4-5)
2. Landscape and Monument sub-committee disposition from Sept. 2, 2010. (pgs. 6-7)
3. Guidelines for an International Sculpture Garden submitted by the Landscape and Monument sub-committee. (pgs. 8-11)
4. Minutes, April 20, 2010, Item 10. (pg. 12)
5. Map of suggested location for International Sculpture Garden. (pg. 13)
6. Photographs of various statues. (pgs. 14-15)