

Re-location of Artwork Originally selected for the “Smart House” to the second floor hallway at the top of the staircase in the Municipal Building

APPB Recommendation:

APPB recommends to Council re-locating the artwork originally purchased for the former “NEDO Smart House” to the second floor hallway (outside Room #200) in the Municipal Building. This artwork would become part of an artistic/educational exhibit about the “Smart House” project. The exhibit will be created in collaboration with the Utilities Department.

Project Overview:

In late summer 2012, the Art Board recommended purchasing artwork for the NEDO Smart House to help make the building look like a welcoming residence during the public tours provided over the 2-3 years the project was conducted.

The Asian-themed artwork collection consists of the following: six ink prints by Alexander Scheinker, six painted sushi plates by Umi Raby, one photograph by Minesh Bacrania printed on metal, and one 20” high bronze sculpture, “Crane Unfolding” by Santa Fe artist Kevin Box,

After the Smart House project ended, the County decided to rent out the facility to a private business. The public artwork was placed in storage. Now, the Art Board, in collaboration with staff from the Utilities Department, is recommending the creation of an interesting, artistic/educational exhibit area - using the wide hallway area at the top of the lobby staircase.

The Art Board consulted with staff from the Facilities Division about a way to re-create one of the alcoves from the Smart House and to add lighting to accentuate the display. The artwork will be interspersed with educational posters explaining the project, See the conceptual images provided on the next page.

The board is also recommending the purchase of one, perhaps two, additional photographs from Minesh Bacrania to be placed, along with the photograph already in the collection, on the wall next to the lobby staircase. The photograph to be purchased is an aerial view of Los Alamos showing the location of the Smart House and the photovoltaic panels used during the project.

These Bacrania photographs will attract interest, spark curiosity, and encourage visitors and residents to walk up the staircase to see the exhibit.

Photographs and photo-shopped images are provided on the next pages to help you visualize this project.

Budget Summary:

Description	Amount
Purchase additional photographs from Minesh Bacrania (estimated cost)	4,000
Tax	300
Re-create Smart House “alcove” and install photos, posters, and new lighting (supplies only -- work to be done by County Facilities Division staff)	3,000
Plaques and dedication event	400
Other/Contingency	800
Total	8,500

Photos:

Original alcove in the NEDO Smart House



**Conceptual re-creation of the alcove in the Municipal Building
plus pictures and posters**



Photo-shopped image of the additional Minesh Bacrania photograph(s) for the lobby staircase