

## **1. Donation Offer from Charles Bowman**

### **APPB Recommendation:**

APPB recommends to Council the acceptance of Mr. Bowman's cash donation for the purchase of a kinetic wind sculpture from the Mark White Gallery in Santa Fe in memory of his wife Nona Bowman, a former County Councilor and former Chair of the Art in Public Places Board,

The Board also recommends the purchase of two companion wind sculptures to create a coordinated grouping of three kinetic sculptures. The Board is asking for Council approval of a \$25,000 budget to purchase the additional sculptures for \$5,000, plus installation, delivery, lighting, contingency funds, a dedication event, and plaques.

### **Project Overview:**

In January, the Art in Public Places Board received a donation offer and a \$9,500 check from Charles Bowman for the purchase of a kinetic wind sculpture designed by Santa Fe artist, Mark White, to honor Mr. Bowman's late wife, Nona Bowman, a former County Councilor and Chair of the Art in Public Places Board. Ms. Bowman was a very popular 2-term County Councilor and diligently worked to improve the appearance of the Los Alamos community. Pictures of the sculpture selected by Mr. Bowman plus representative companion pieces are provided on the next page.

The APPB discussed several options for locations for the wind sculptures: 1) the small park-like area at 1010 Central; 2) somewhere along the curved sidewalk between Bathtub Row and Central Park Square; 3) the area between Mesa Public Library and Central Avenue near the small playground and the memorial benches; or 4) somewhere in Guaje Pines Cemetery. More information and pictures of these locations will be given in a Power Point presentation this evening. The Board would like to get Council's approval to accept Mr. Bowman's donation check and will then work with the Bowman family, the Historic Preservation Advisory Board, plus County Parks and Facilities staff to identify the best location for the sculptures. The Board would like for Council to let them know tonight if any identified locations above should be removed from consideration.

### **Budget Summary:**

Estimated budget for this project not to exceed:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Purchase price of two companion wind sculptures	5,000
Contingency for:	20,000
Installation and Delivery(sculptures will be ready to install by County staff)	
Plaques	
Dedication event	
Lighting	
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,000</b>

**Photos:**



Bowman Wind Sculpture



Recommended Companion Pieces

## 2. Disposal of “Inside Out” by Janice Sanders

### **APPB Recommendation:**

The APPB recommends to Council the disposal of a mixed-media painting wall-hanging originally purchased in 1992. This artwork has been in storage for the past 3-4 years. The artist has agreed to take it back.

### **Project Overview:**

As part of the comprehensive inventory of the APP collection of 2-D works, the piece listed above was identified as no longer being relevant to the collection and is now recommended for disposal. The current APPB Disposal Policy has been followed.

This artwork was in display for many years in the Stout Room of the former Municipal Building. The APPB has not been able to identify a suitable location in the new Municipal Building or any other County Facility for it. The board contacted the artist about this disposal recommendation and she would like to have it returned to her.

### **Budget Summary:**

The Board is asking for Council’s approval of up to \$100 to pay for packing and shipping.

Description	Amount
Packing and Shipping	Up to \$100

### **Photo:**



Inside Out

### 3. Valentine Devine Donation Offer

#### **APPB Recommendation:**

The APPB recommends to Council the acceptance of “Berlin,” a knitted fiber piece approximately 10 ft by 10 ft designed by Valentina Devine and now located in the Mesa Public Library. The Board believes the art is in a good location and encourages Council to accept it in the public collection.

#### **Project Overview:**

The proposed donation piece is currently installed in the Mesa Public Library in the lower-level rotunda, Valentina Devine originally offered the artwork as a donation to the Library. It was installed in late-November 2017. The Library recently referred Ms. Devine to the Art in Public Places Board because, even though the Library has accepted donations of art in the past, they do not have a dedicated budget for cleaning and maintenance of large pieces of art. A knitted fiber piece of this magnitude will need to be periodically cleaned, so the responsibilities of ownership can best be observed if the artwork is part of the public collection.

#### **Budget Summary:**

Estimated budget for this project not to exceed:

<b>Plaque</b>	<b>Not to exceed 50.00</b>
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#### **Artist Bio:**

Currently a resident of Los Alamos, Valentina was born in Moscow, Russia and growing up in Berlin, Germany, and has always been knitting. Since the mid-eighties, she has been creating one-of-a-kind garments and wall hangings and teaching a knitting technique called “Creative Knitting”. She is a contributor to many knitting books and publications, and shows her art-to-wear garments in different boutiques throughout the U.S. Valentina cannot imagine life without knitting and she hopes to continue inspiring many more knitters here and abroad.



“Berlin” hanging in the Mesa Public Library