



# County of Los Alamos

## Council Meeting Staff Report

September 10, 2019

**Agenda No.:** B.

**Indexes (Council Goals):** 2018 Council Goal – Quality Governance – Operational Excellence – Continue Implementation of the Comprehensive Plan with an emphasis on neighborhoods.

**Presenters:** Jeremy Smith

**Legislative File:** 12162-19

### Title

Recommendation from the Arts in Public Places Advisory Board for an Expenditure of Art in Public Places Funds in an Amount to Not Exceed \$3,000 for the acceptance of a donation of art from Richard Swenson and installation of that art on the exterior of the Los Alamos Nature Center.

### Recommended Action

I move that the Council approve an acceptance of a donation of art from Richard Swenson into the Los Alamos County art collection and an expenditure of Art in Public Places funds in an amount to not exceed \$3,000.00 for installation of that art on the exterior of the Los Alamos Nature Center.

### County Manager's Recommendation

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### Body

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### Description Amount

Art Work - Donation from Artist	\$0.00
APPB contingency, installation, dedication ceremony	\$3,000.00
Total	\$3,000.00

### Alternatives

The Council can deny the APPB recommendation

The Council can ask the APPB to develop different recommendations for the Nature Center

### Fiscal and Staff Impact/Planned Item

The funds for the recommended expenditures will come from the Art in Public Places Fund. There are sufficient funds in that account to cover all the recommended expenditures, plus the estimated contingency amount. Any unspent APP money will remain in the APP Fund. The APPB staff liaison will oversee the donation process and the will work with work with staff from Public Works

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Department on the installation and lighting aspects of the project.

**Attachments**

A - Richard Swenson Donation Forms

B - Richard Swenson Additional Information

C - Images of Donated Art

D - Location Image