

Memo



Date: July 16, 2010
File: 1340-40
To: City Manager
From: P. McCormick, Staff Liaison to the Public Art Committee
Subject: Knowles Park Public Art Project

Recommendation:

THAT City Council approve funding of \$5,000 for a metal sculpture to be installed in Knowles Park, as recommended by the Public Art Committee.

Purpose:

To consider funding for a project recommended by the Public Art Committee under the terms of reference for the City of Kelowna Public Art program.

Background:

Knowles Park is located on the corner of Ethel Street and Bernard Avenue. In 2000 the Rose Arbour was constructed at the entrance to the park. This focal point was funded with the help of donations from the Diggers and Weeders Garden Club from its annual garden tour.

In 2006, the Diggers and Weeders Garden Club again donated funds to further the development of Knowles Park. In response to this opportunity, the City hosted an open house in September 2007 as well as established an online survey to help determine what features residents would like to see in the park.

The response was that Knowles Park was mainly a walk-through Park with no reason to pause and "smell the roses". The major requests were for more flower beds, integrated child- friendly art, and a place to gather. The former Parks Division subsequently developed a concept aimed at integrating the neighbourhood's requests.

It was at this time that the idea for an ornamental pergola, a structure consisting of posts supporting an open roof in the form of a trellis. The pergola took shape as a means of achieving the goals identified by the neighbourhood residents and to complement the existing rose arbour at the entrance to the park. Additionally, it was felt by staff that the pergola might be of artistic merit if designed by a local artist. The idea was presented by the Parks Division to the Public Art Committee in 2008. The Committee agreed in principle with the project.

The City of Kelowna recently completed landscape upgrades to Knowles Park. The upgrades include a new plaza, site furnishings, a hedge maze, a gravel pathway, and planting beds.

As part of this initiative, three local metal artists were asked to submit proposals for design and construction of the pergola. Proposals were received from all three artists. Those proposals were ranked by staff according to criteria that were provided in the proposal call.

The artist that scored highest on the evaluation was Ed Gooden of Metal Dreams Design, Lake Country, BC. The proposals were reviewed by the Public Art Committee at its May, 2010 meeting.

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The Public Art Committee endorsed the artist that scored highest on the evaluation and agreed to recommend funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 to assist in the fabrication and installation of the artwork. The artwork is expected to be installed in August, 2010 pending Council approval of funding.

Existing Policy:

The Public Art Committee submits its recommendation pursuant to its Terms of Reference, Arts & Cultural Policy 274, Chapter 15 of the Official Community Plan, and the terms of the Community Public Art Program.

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

The funding allocation recommended by the Public Art Committee is \$5,000.00. The amount would come from the Public Art Program's capital funding allocation for 2010.

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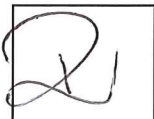
Considerations not applicable to this report:

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Legal/statutory Procedural Requirements:
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Alternate Recommendation:

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P. McCormick, Urban Design Planner

Approved for inclusion:

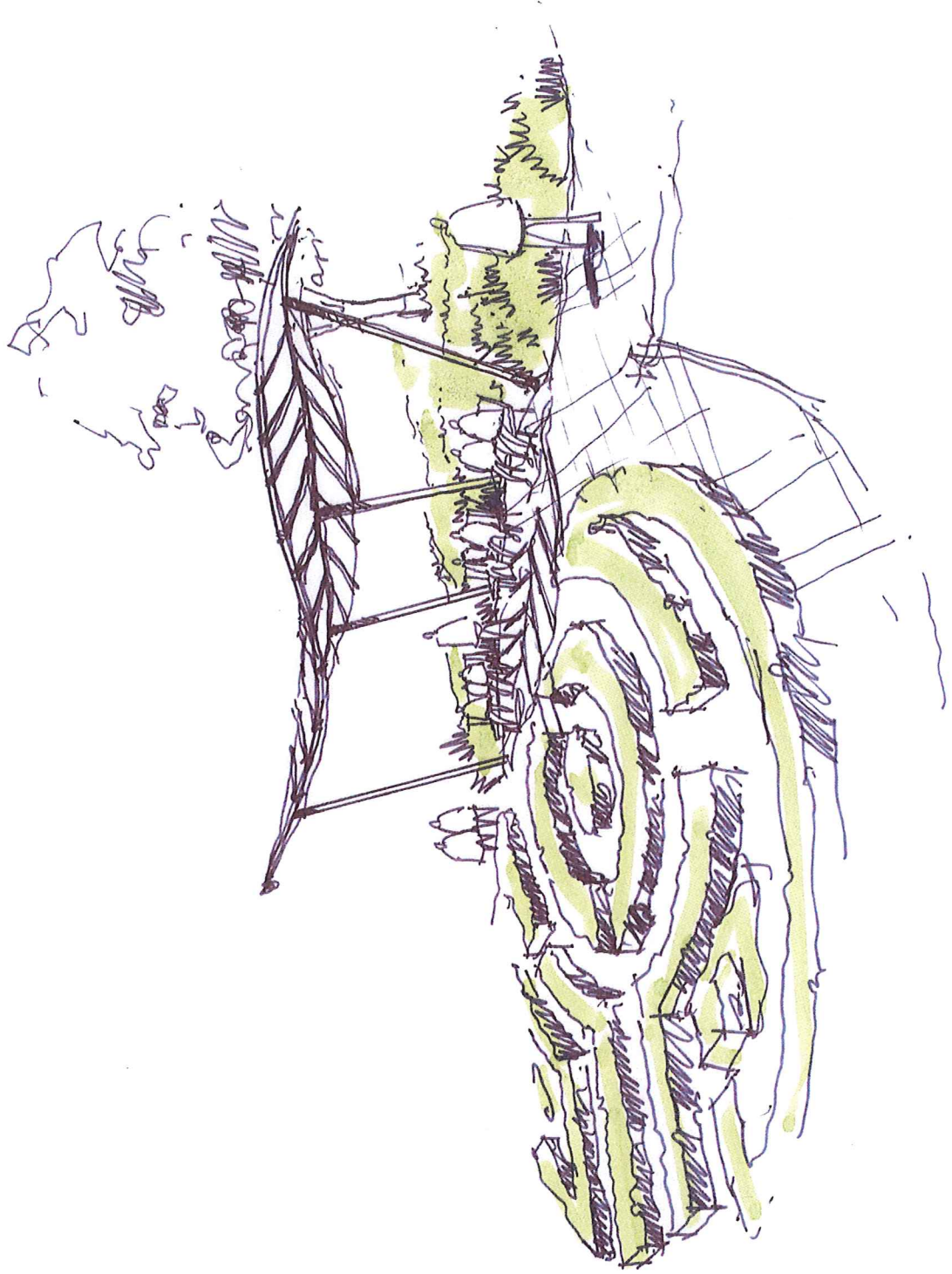


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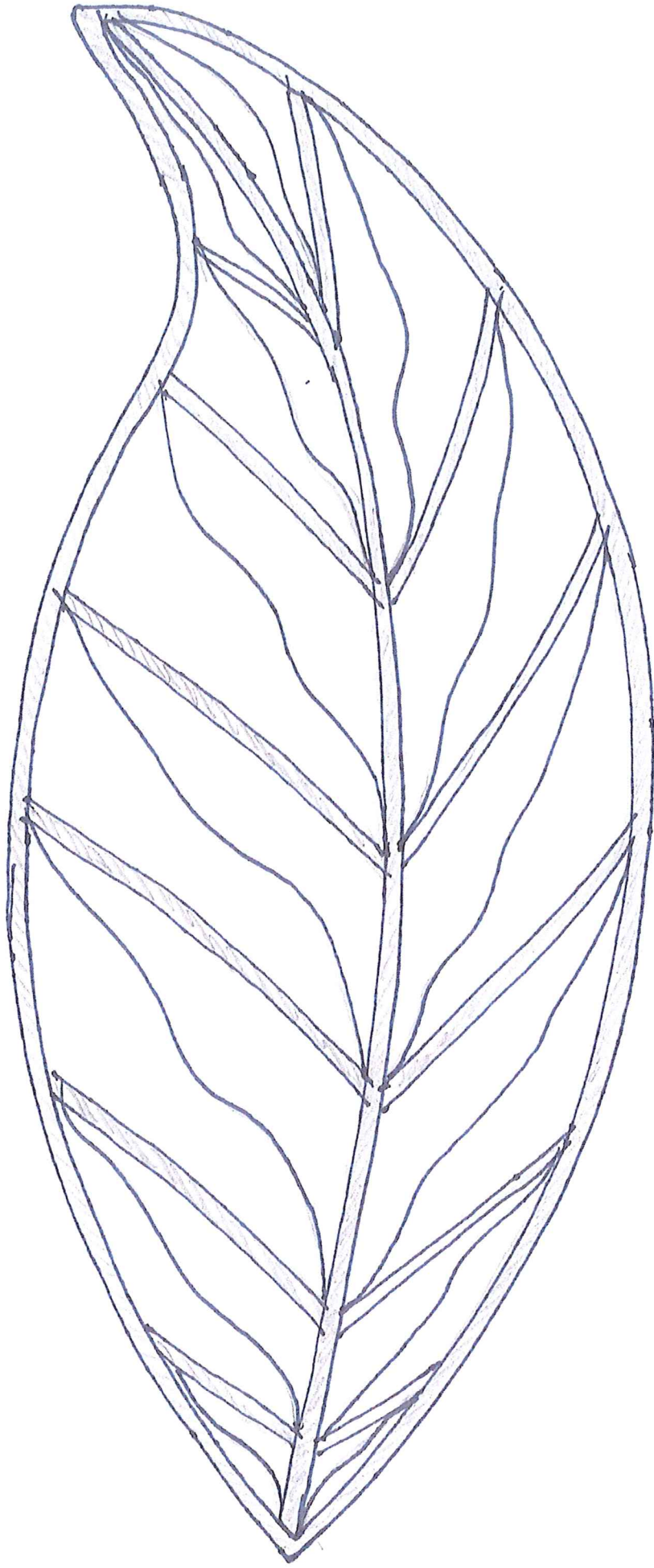
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Attachment: Knowles Park Pergola Concept Plan

Knowles Park Pergola Concept Sketch



Knowles Park Pergola Artist Proposal - Plan View



Knowles Park Pergola Artistis Proposal - Post Detail

