

# Action

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Bellevue Arts Commission

1E-113 or Zoom Meeting, 4:30 pm

City of Bellevue, WA

## Artwork Donation – American Dog

At today's meeting, staff will seek a recommendation to approve the acceptance of a donation of an artwork, entitled *American Dog*, by Dale Rogers.

**Motion:** A motion to recommend the approval of the donation *American Dog* to be included in the Public Art Collection.

**Code and bylaw support:** This item is presented to the Commission supported by City Code 3.56.070 item H: "Review and make recommendations on the suitability of any work of art intended as a gift to the city."

### Background

Staff were approached by a Bellevue resident who offered to donate an artwork to the city. The artwork is a CorTen steel sculpture of a dog. Artwork details:



Title: [American Dog](#)

Artist: Dale Rogers

Material: Cor-Ten steel.

Dimensions: 4'5" H x 6'2" L x 8" W

Maintenance: Bi-annual or Tri-annual cleaning

Artwork is an edition.

Artwork retails for \$4,000

The artist has completed a number of public artworks at different scales, from the more commercial sculptures, like *American Dog*, which has been built up to 26 feet tall, to municipal commissions and immersive sculptures for events across the country. Most of the artworks are inspired by animals and nature.

#### Requirements for Staff Recommendation:

- ✓ Staff capacity and budget allows for the additional unplanned work to be installed in a timely manner (within 1-2 years preferred) – Parks and Community Services Department has agreed to install the work within this time period.
- ✓ Donated works must be in good condition and conceivably have a remaining life span of at least ten years – This artwork is in good condition and CorTen steel is a durable material.
- ✓ Donations from artists or their estates – This is not a donation by the artist.
- ✓ Review the artwork with a professional art maintenance contractor regarding maintenance expectations – Artwork will require cleaning but otherwise little maintenance.
- ✓ Artist must be known and confirmed – This is confirmed.
- ✓ All 3-dimensional works must have a confirmed site prior to staff recommending the acceptance of the donation – Parks and Community Services Department has agreed to install the artwork outside one of their permanent dog parks. While an exact location hasn't been determined yet, Parks is confident that they will find a final location soon. In the meantime, the artwork can be stored at City Hall in a secured location.

#### Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the commission endorse the donation of *American Dog* by artist Dale Rogers.

#### Options

Option 1: The commission passes a motion to recommend the approval of the donation *American Dog* to be included in the Public Art Collection.

Option 2: The commission doesn't pass a motion to recommend the approval of the donation *American Dog* and the artwork will not be included in the Public Art Collection.

#### Next Steps

If the commission motions to recommend the donation, staff will move forward with accepting the donation. Once the donation is finalized, Arts staff will work to get the artwork cleaned and Parks staff will work to get the sculpture installed with assistance from the Arts staff.

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