

# Mayor and Council Communication

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**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 19-0396

**LOG NAME:** 25ARTWORK DONATION NCHA SCULPTURE

## **SUBJECT**

Authorize Acceptance of an Artwork Donation from the National Cutting Horse Association Foundation of a Bronze Sculpture by Artist Kelly Graham Depicting Cutting Icon Buster Welch on King Ranch's "Little Peppy" Cutting a Santa Gertrudis Cow and Site Enhancements, Collectively Valued at \$250,000.00, through a Deed of Gift for Accession into the Fort Worth Public Art Community Legacy Collection and Placement at Gate 42 at the Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 West Lancaster Avenue, 76107 (Council District 7)

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the City Council authorize the acceptance of an artwork donation from the National Cutting Horse Association Foundation of a bronze sculpture by artist Kelly Graham depicting cutting icon Buster Welch on King Ranch's "Little Peppy" cutting a Santa Gertrudis cow and site enhancements, collectively valued at \$250,000.00, through a deed of gift for accession into the Fort Worth Public Art Community Legacy Collection and placement at Gate 42 at the Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 West Lancaster Avenue, 76107.

The NCHA Foundation will retain ownership of the bronze statute until final installation is complete. Installation schedule will be based on date availability and will be contingent on receiving all the City of Fort Worth required documents and permits.

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## **DISCUSSION:**

Approval of this Mayor and Council Communication will accept the donation of an artwork and site enhancements and accession of the bronze sculpture depicting cutting icon Buster Welch and King Ranch's "Little Peppy" into the Fort Worth Public Art Community Legacy Collection.

A Deed of Gift transferring ownership from the donors to the City will be executed specifying that title to the artwork will convey to the City after the sculpture is installed and all site enhancements are completed in accordance with City requirements. The means by which the donor intends to cover the cost for annual maintenance and periodic conservation of the sculpture will be detailed in the Deed of Gift.

Cutting icon Buster Welch (May 23, 1928) is a cutting horse trainer and inductee into the NCHA Members Hall of Fame, American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame, National Cutting Horse Association Riders Hall of Fame, and Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame. Buster was chosen as the recipient of the 2012 National Golden Spur Award for his "outstanding contributions to the ranching and livestock industry."

Buster won the NCHA World Championship four times, and the NCHA World Championship Futurity five times. He trained Mr. San Peppy and won the NCHA World Championship in 1974 and 1976.

Premier sire, Peppy San Badger ("Little Peppy") is the son of World Champion Mr. San Peppy of the King Ranch and winner of the 1977 NCHA Futurity, 1978 NCHA Derby, the 1980 NCHA Reserve World Champion, and the 1981 NCHA Open Finals.

The sculpture is an appropriate addition to the historic Will Rogers Memorial Center as it embodies the historic themes found throughout the complex and compliments existing artworks on the grounds. This sculpture will serve not only as a fitting tribute to Mr. Welch and King Ranch's "Little Peppy" but also as a reminder of the century-old relationship between the sport of cutting and the City of Fort Worth.

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## **ART COMMISSION ACTION:**

On December 9, 2019, the Art Commission approved a recommendation of the Fort Worth Public Art Gifts and Loans Review Panel to accept the sculpture for the Fort Worth Public Art Community Legacy Collection, to be sited at the Will Rogers Memorial Center.

This is a Citywide donation located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 7.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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