
Library Board

Monday, September 12, 2016

Regular Meeting

Item E2

Approval of Agreement in Principal with Grand Island Community Foundation to Accept Donation of Sculpture

As part of Goal 8.e of our GILIBRARY 2020 strategic plan, we work to continually develop our outdoor spaces adjacent to our raingarden. This is consistent with Grow Grand Island's goal to develop long-range corridor Improvement plans and signature gateway beautification projects.

I have been meeting with a subcommittee of the Grow Grand Island Arts and Entertainment committee on a potential donation to the library of a piece of sculpture. A past outdoor public art exhibition of polyhedrons on the south lawn of the library was very well received, and the raingarden lends itself well to a permanent piece of art that can be seen by thousands each day by car or up-close. Several works by renowned artist Jun Kaneko, www.junkaneko.com, are being considered. There might be additional information and graphics to present at the board meeting.

The Grand Island Community Foundation would be the lead fiscal agent in securing donations for this purpose and is anticipating an application for support from Principal (Principal Financial Group Foundation). To have the project move forward, library board approval of an agreement in principal is recommended. Then once grant funding from several sources is secured and matters such as insurance coverage are addressed, the matter will be brought back to the library board as a memorandum of agreement.

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