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**MEMORANDUM**

**To: Mayor Donna Dodgen and Seguin City Council  
Steve Parker, Seguin City Manger**

**From: Kyle Kramm, Main Street & CVB Director/HPO**

**Through: Rick Cortes, Deputy City Manager**

**Subject: Public Tree Carving Proposal**

**Date: February 8, 2021**

Local artist Nathan Beversdorf has contacted the City of Seguin with an interest in donating a wooden sculpture to the City. Beversdorf would work with Master Carver Burr Rasmussen on carving a piece of artwork in a stump in Starcke Park near the Patricia Irvine Pavilion. Below, please see examples of prior carvings done by Rasmussen and Beversdorf and the stump that will be the location of the artwork.

The artists submitted several designs for the Commission on the Arts to consider. After much discussion, the Commission voted to move forward with the rendering of an eagle; see photo below. Per the public art ordinance, the Commission's recommendation went to the Parks Advisory Board for their approval at the February meeting. City Council has final approval of accepting or commissioning any public art pieces.

Items the Commission considered while reviewing the donation were maintenance, safety and setting. Maintenance for the donation will be a yearly treatment of sealant, which the artist will handle the first two years. The Commission saw very limited danger of injury by the proposed eagle design. The Commission saw the eagle design as an appropriate design to match the setting of Starcke Park.

The addition of public art to our parks is recognized as a need in the recently adopted Parks Master Plan.

Staff respectfully requests approval of the attached acquisition agreement and acceptance of the donation of the public artwork.

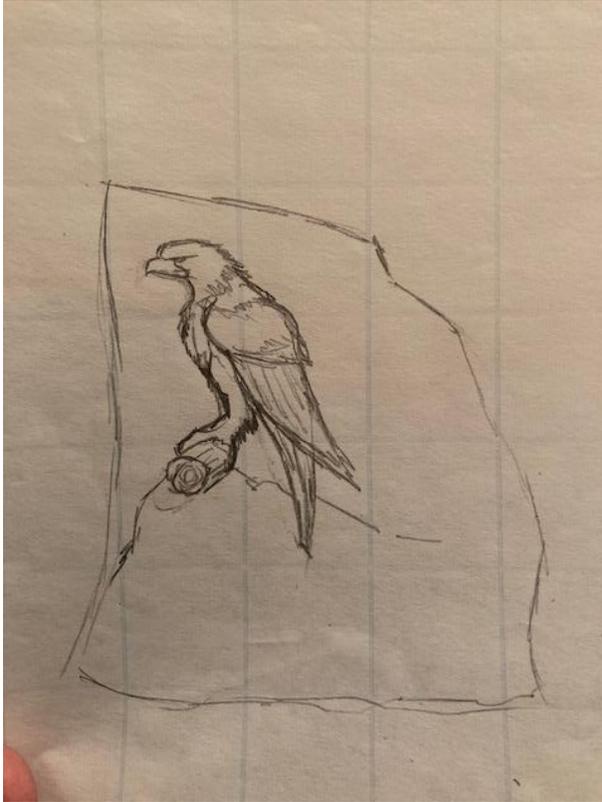
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Tree Stump



Examples of Artist's Work



Rendering of Proposed Artwork