

Resolution from the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission to Recommend the Removal of Victoria Fuller's Canoe Fan Artwork in Gallup Park

March 6, 2019

Whereas, The Canoe Fan was part of the Canoe Imagine Art project installed along the Huron River at Gallup Park in the summer of 2015;

Whereas, The Canoe Imagine Art collection was designed to be a temporary art installation with all five artists being awarded a \$5,000.00 honorarium plus the use of recycled canoes to be used for the installation;

Whereas, Artist Victoria Fuller misread the requirements of the proposal and did not realize that the Canoe Fan artwork would become part of the permanent collection for the City of Ann Arbor;

Whereas, In June of 2015 Victoria Fuller entered into an agreement to loan the Canoe Fan artwork to the City of Ann Arbor for the benefit of the city. This agreement will expired on May 30, 2017 and was extended for an additional two year term ending May 30, 2019;

Whereas, Victoria Fuller had the responsibility of finding a buyer for the piece who would then donate it to the City. This was unsuccessful and Ms. Fuller has now approached the City and the Ann Arbor Public Commission about the possibility of the City purchasing the artwork for \$45,000.00;

Whereas, The Canoe Fan piece has been enjoyed for many years by the residents of the community; and

Whereas, It is the position of the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission that it would not be fiscally responsible for the City to make such a purchase due to limitations on funding and in an effort to maintain a conservative approach with regard to art in the City of Ann Arbor.

THEREFORE, The Ann Arbor Public Art Commission recommends that the City Attorney allow the contract to expire and notify Victoria Fuller that she will need to retrieve this piece, at her cost, by the contract end date; and

THEREFORE, The Ann Arbor Public Art Commission recommends that Victoria Fuller be notified and arrange to retrieve the Canoe Fan artwork by the agreed upon contract end date of May 30, 2019.

Unanimous Voice Vote with (9) Public Art Commissioners present -

Allison Buck, Connie Brown, Colleen Crawley, Jonah Copi, David Esau, Mary Thiefels, John Kotarski, Deb Mexicotte, and David Zinn