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# Staff Report

## City of Manhattan Beach

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Tell and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** David N. Carmany, City Manager

**FROM:** Richard Gill, Director of Parks and Recreation

**DATE:** September 20, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of the Cultural Arts Commission's Recommendation of Six Sculptures for the 2011/2012 Sculpture Garden

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Cultural Arts Commission's six sculpture recommendations for the 2011/2012 Sculpture Garden or provide further direction.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATION:**

The fiscal implication on the General Fund is associated with Public Works removing and installing the artworks which is approximately \$3,700. The program will be supported through the Public Art Trust Fund. In December 15, 2009, Resolution #6237 was approved by City Council and \$100,000 of the Public Art Trust was committed for the Sculpture Garden. The current committed balance is \$79,742.65. If the six sculptures are approved, the 2011/2012 Exhibition cost is \$15,000 leaving a committed balance of \$64,742.65.

Five Years Receipts Fiscal 2007-2011	\$240,869.81
Public Art Trust Balance 06-30-11	\$295,972.31
Subtract Balance of Commitment	\$ 79,742.65
Uncommitted Public Art Trust	\$216,229.66

### **BACKGROUND:**

As part of the City's 2002 Work Plan, Council directed the Cultural Arts Commission to begin research and to create a proposal for an outdoor Sculpture Garden. The artworks contained in the garden would rotate on an annual basis.

The purpose of the Sculpture Garden is to display a variety of public artworks in a community setting that prompts the viewer to appreciate the broader meaning of public art. In addition, the Sculpture Garden brings enjoyment to residents and visitors while cultivating a sense of community pride.

The Sculpture Garden's inaugural installation took place in June 2009 with seven sculptures

exhibited at three sites: Civic Center, Veteran’s Memorial Parkway, and Metlox 13<sup>th</sup> Street corner. Many positive responses were received from community members who expressed appreciation for the addition of these artworks in the Civic Center.

The Commission chose sculptures by artists involved in the San Diego Port Authority’s Urban Tree Project. The 2009 installation was granted a three-month extension by the City Council in order to provide additional time to complete the selections for the program’s second installation.

Sculpture Garden II was installed in October 2010 with City Council voting to purchase one of the inaugural sculptures as a permanent part of the City’s Sculpture Garden. The sculpture was created by Kent Kraber and its title is, *Remember When Fish were Buttery...*

After City Council grants a final approval for the 2011/2012 Sculpture Garden III, staff will coordinate the two-day removal and installation schedule with Public Works. In addition, parking permits will be issued to enable the artists to park close to the sites.

**DISCUSSION:**

At the Commission’s Special Meeting held on July 27, 2011, the Cultural Arts Commissioners reviewed the nine submissions for the 2011/2012 installation. Each Commissioner shared their opinions and comments on the submissions they felt were accessible and would complement the installation space.

After reviewing the nine possibilities, the following are the six sculptures selected for recommendation to City Council.

<b>Artist</b>	<b>Sculpture Title</b>
Frank Mando	<b><i>Moriah, Spirit of the Wind</i></b> 12’ Height Welded Steel, Fiberglass Foam & Resin
Jason Manley	<b><i>Believe, Green</i></b> 15’ H x 15’ L x 6’ D Size can be altered Solar panels included
Christian Tedeschi	<b><i>Not a Step</i></b> 13 A-Frame Wooden Ladders 13’ H x 27’ W
Steven L. Rieman	<b><i>The Tree Hugger</i></b> Stainless Steel, 9’ H x 4.5’ W x 2’ D Kinetic sculpture

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Steven L. Rieman	<b><i>Tropic Birds</i></b> Bronze, stainless and weathered steel 14' H x 6' diameter (needs crane) Kinetic sculpture moves from a horizontal to a vertical position
Amos Robinson	<b><i>Celestial Sailor</i></b> Kinetic sculpture 54" H x 54" W x 29" L Stainless steel, polished and painted

**CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommends that City Council consider and approve the six sculptures recommended for the 2011/2012 Sculpture Garden program.

**Attachments:**

Sculpture Images

**Frank Mando**



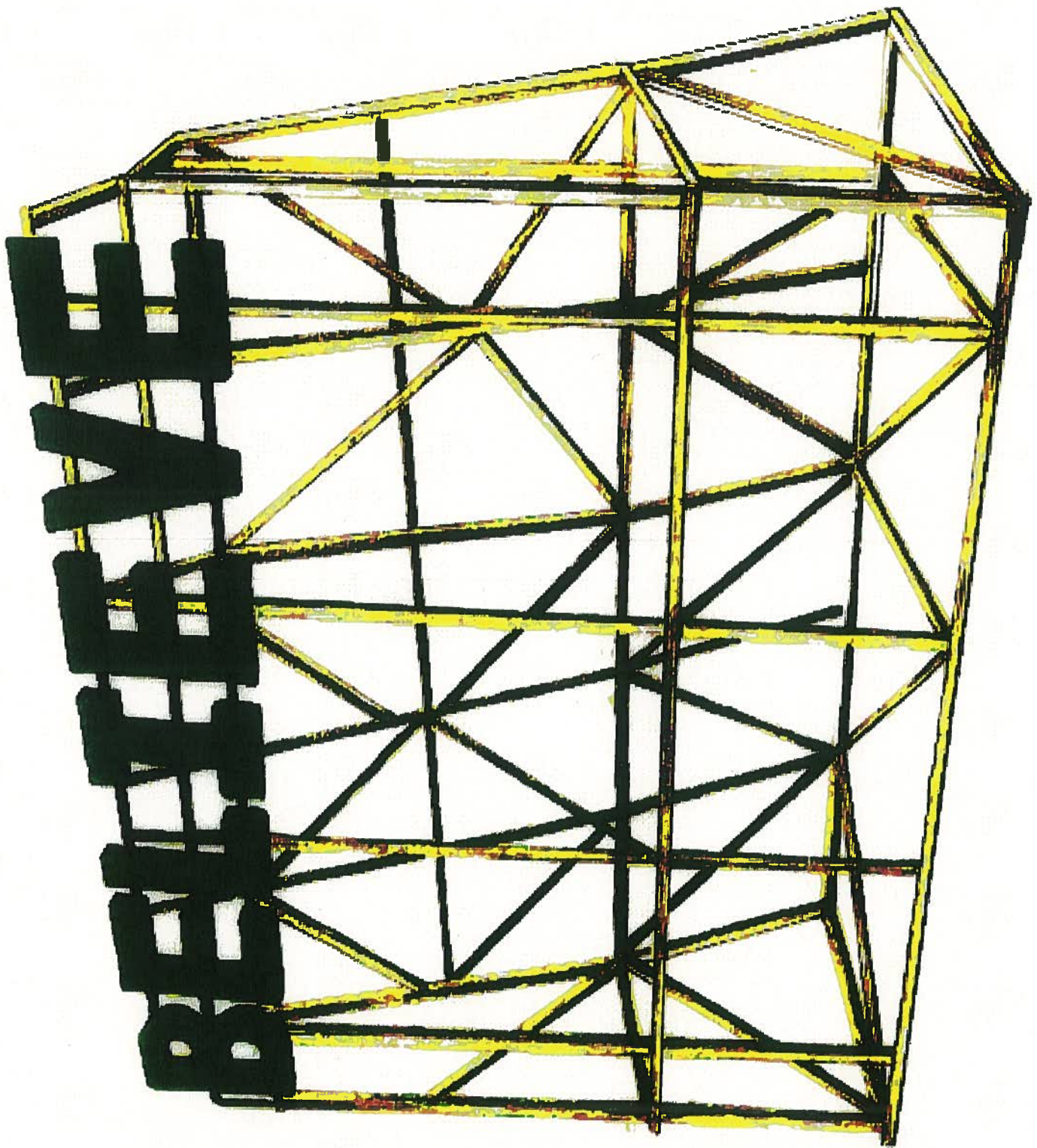
**Moriah**  
*Spirit of the Wind*

Daughter to Mother Nature, Sister to the Seas the vision of the "Elemental Spirit of the Air" personified appears to me as I daydream, walking along a wooded Pacific coastline. She sings a gentle windsong as she glides between the leaves above. Blow your breath across the lands and heal the earth, spread the seeds, purify our thoughts with cleansing gusts. Soft as a whisper, wild as a tornado, this is her power, to give life or destroy.

*Size: Height 12' - Width 8" Materials: Welded steel, fiberglass, urethane foam and epoxy resin*

**Jason Manley**





**Christian Tedeschi**

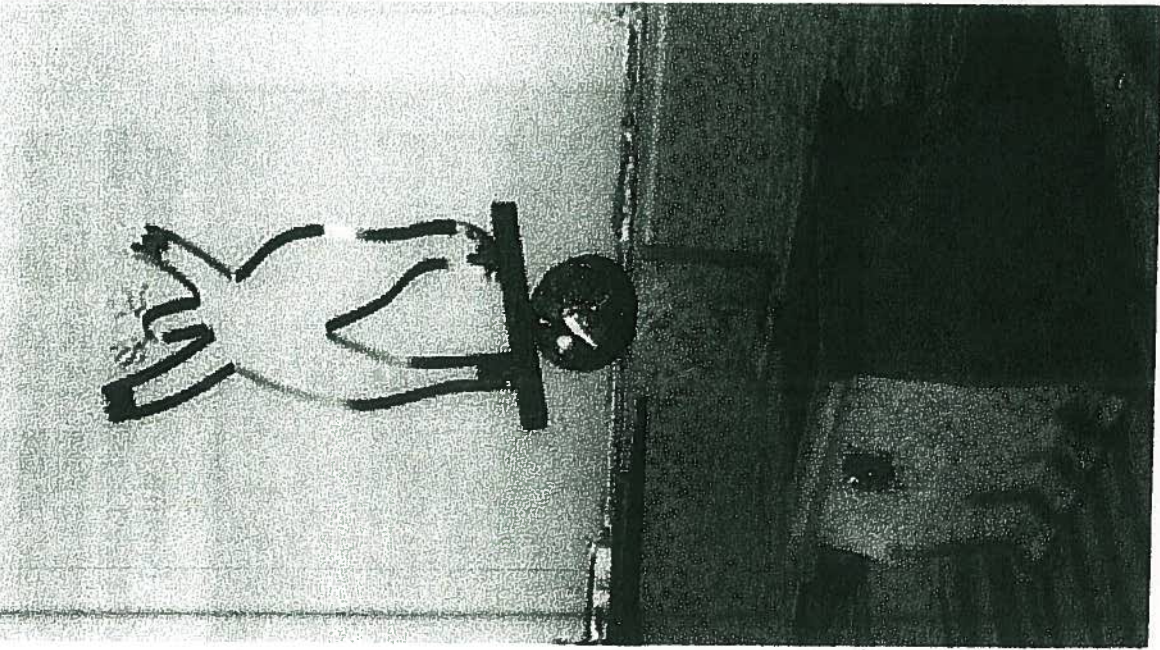




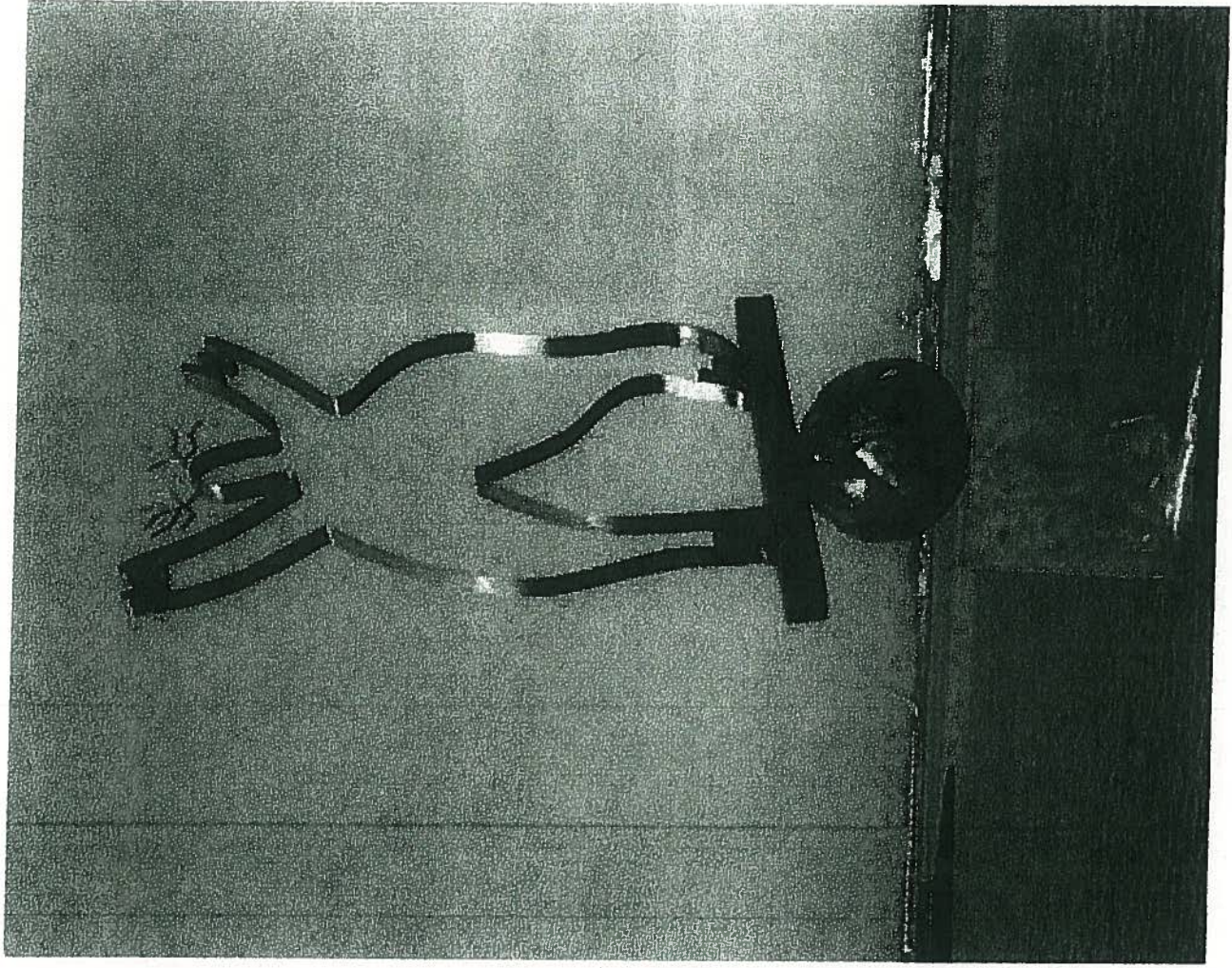
"Not a step" 13 A frame wooden ladders

**Steven L. Rieman**



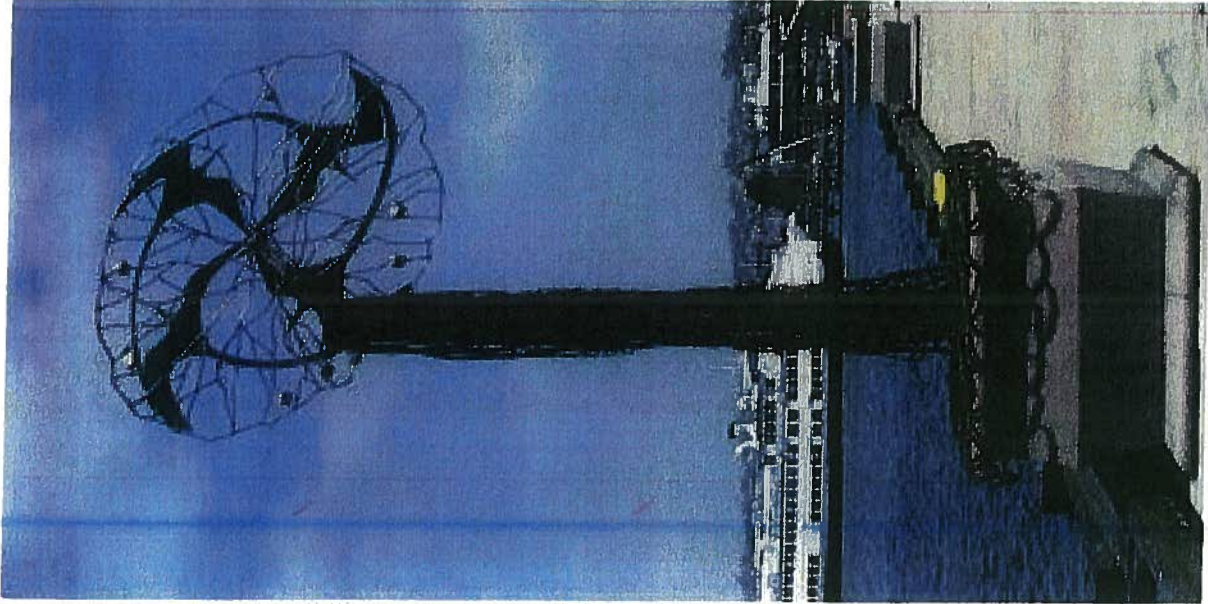


**"Tree Hugger" 2008**  
**Stainless Steel**  
**9' h, 4.5' w, 2' d**  
**Artist: Steven L. Rieiman**

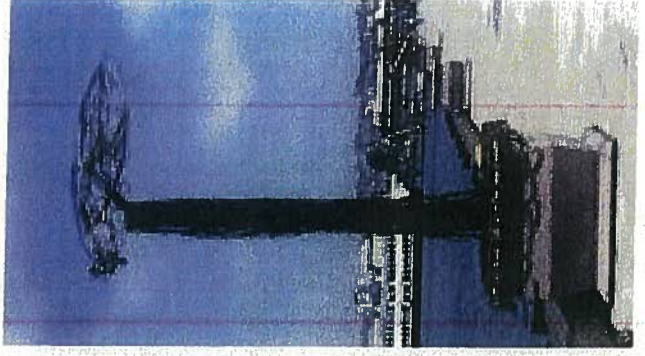


**Dances/sways in the wind**





Steven L. Rieiman, "Tropic Birds" 2009  
Wind activated kinetic, bronze, stainless  
and weathered steel, 14' tall, 6' dia.  
**Note: Requires crane installation not  
forklift**



The canopy moves from a horizontal position to a vertical position in the wind.

## **Amos Robinson**



**Juanita Purner**

**From:**

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2011 1:54 PM

**To:** Amos Robinson

**Subject:** New Work by Amos Robinson

**"CELESTIAL SAILOR"**

***Kinetic sculpture 54" H x 54" W x 29" L***

***Stainless steel, polished and painted***

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