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MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Ramsay, City Manager

From: Tracy Burrows, Senior Management Analyst

Date: May 4, 2006

Subject: Rotating Art Exhibit Proposal – Journeys of the Imagination

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to enter into an “Artistic Sculpture Display” Agreement with the Howard Mandville Gallery to display a sculpture on Park Lane (see attached photo), which is cast bronze.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The Howard Mandville Gallery in downtown Kirkland recently requested authorization to place the “Journeys of the Imagination” sculpture on a pedestal east of the Gallery and east of its Park Lane location. The size of the piece is 50” x 32” x 22”. The Cultural Council has recommended authorizing this sculpture placement.

The City maintains three pedestals, including this one, in downtown where art is displayed on a rotating basis. Sculpture is usually on display for six months to a year (sometimes longer if there is mutual agreement for an extension) and can be replaced if the art sells. Howard Mandville does have a buyer who is interested in purchasing this piece. Under this proposal, if the purchase goes forward the sculpture could be replaced with a full-sized version (84” tall) of the same “Journeys of the Imagination” sculpture. The agreement is for one year with possible extensions. As with other similar agreements, the City will insure the artwork (valued at \$5,900), assist in its installation, and Howard Mandville Gallery will maintain the art.

