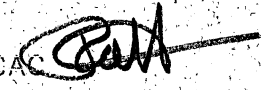




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TO : Robert W. Healy, City Manager
FROM: Roy-Alan Hansen, Deputy Director, CAC 
RE : Sculpture - "Lost Zebra"
DATE: 10/14/92

The sculpture, "Lost Zebra" by artist Pat Keck, was removed from the tot lot site on June 24, 1992. The DPW removed the work at the request of the Arts Council and delivered it to the Artist's studio for safekeeping and to allow an indepth examination of the work in order to determine if repairs could be made and at what cost.

The removal was the result of severe damage caused by vandalism. The sculpture, in its vandalized state, was neither safe nor presentable.

There was also concern that the vandalism would continue and that the sculpture would not be able to withstand the outside climate in its severely weakened state.

A brief statement of the condition of the work is as follows:

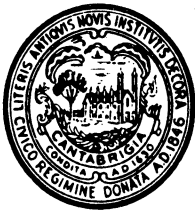
- The tail is broken , half of it is missing (which is amazing since it was made of structural steel pinning)
- The sculpture is covered with a series of deep, wide gashes (which could resemble those made by a flat blade screwdriver applied with strong pressure)
- The nasal openings and teeth are broken
- The eyes have deep, blinding cuts in them
- A large area of the surface is covered by graffiti

None of these could be the result of normal weathering or wear. They are the results of vandalism.

The artist is currently assessing the damage and will advise the arts council on the feasibility of repair and the associated costs. She is doing this without charge and will complete the assessment as soon as her schedule allows. When her determination is completed , it will be presented to the Public Art Advisory Committee for action.

If the sculpture can be repaired, and the necessary funds for repair can be sourced, The Arts Council will work in collaboration with the Tobin Neighborhood and Community groups to determine whether security at the original site can be improved so as to allow for reinstallation of the work or, alternatively, to find a more suitable site in the community where the sculpture would be safe from further vandalism.

The Arts Council is currently attempting to initiate a funding plan for restoration and repair of the "Lost Zebra" . The initial "ball park" estimates are between \$5,000 and \$10,000.



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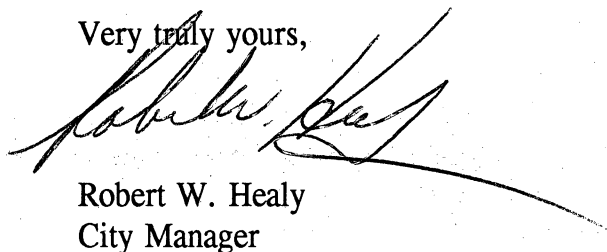
Deputy City Manager

October 19, 1992

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report #32 regarding the "Lost Zebra" sculpture at the Tobin School, please find attached a report from Roy-Alan Hansen, Deputy Director of the Arts Council.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Attachment

Consent Agenda # 17 S-846

Awaiting Report Item Number 32
regarding the "Lost Zebra" sculpture
at the Tobin School.

See # 911 Sundries for 1992
Rep. # 2

See 5/17/93 Agenda # 5
for Rep. # 3

See 1992 # 756 Sundries
for original order

In City Council,

Oct. 19, 1992

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