

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL  
CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM**

**Meeting Date:** January 16, 2024  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**From:** Public Art Committee  
 Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director  
**Subject:** Consideration of Approval of Sculptures for Display at the Ives Park Sculpture Garden  
**Recommendation:** Approve the Recommended Artists and Sculptures  
**Funding:** Currently Budgeted:  Yes  No  Not Applicable  
Account Code: N/A

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**INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE:**

The item is to request Council review and approve the Public Art Committee’s recommended sculptures and artists for the new Ives Park Community Sculpture Garden.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

The City of Sebastopol Public Arts Committee put out a call for proposals from Sonoma County based sculptors for the design, fabrication, and installation of durable and low-maintenance original public art suitable for placement in the Sebastopol Community Sculpture Garden (CSG), Ives Park, Sebastopol, California.

The PAC reviewed the submissions at its December 12th, 2023 meeting, and is recommending the following artists’ sculpture submissions for installation for a display period of at least one year:

Peter Crompton/Robin Crompton – “Nautilus” and “Cassandra” sculptures (Cassandra sculpture will be installed without the ‘pythons’)

Robert Michael Smith – “Diplodial Pas de Deux”

Additionally, the PAC voted to meet with Mirka Knaster regarding how her submission – “Wheels of Peace” could fit in the sculpture garden given its arrangements. PAC representatives have met with the artist and will be reviewing the proposed arrangement and final approval at their January 16, 2024, PAC meeting.

The PAC felt these four submissions were of high quality, presented a variety of sizes, themes, colors, materials. They also selected these pieces because of the high quality, relevance, attractiveness, intrigue, and meaning. The PAC also decided that Mirka Knaster’s submission needed some additional changes to better suit the Community Sculpture Garden and after discussing with the artist, they finalized the placement of the sculpture at the January 16th, 2024 PAC meeting earlier today. The PAC will have a representative at the City Council meeting to address any questions Council may have of the Committee.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

The proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).



Peter Crompton’s “Cassandra” (Sculptures will be installed without pythons)



Peter Crompton's "Nautilus"



Robert Michael Smith's "Diploidal Pas De Deux"



Mirka Knaster "Wheels of Peace"



Mirka Knaster's Potential Sculpture Locations – Discussed at the January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, PAC Meeting

