## CITY OF SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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

#### 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' scupture 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 – "Diploidal 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, attractivenents, 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).

#### <u>GOALS</u>:

This action supports the following 2019 City Council Goals and General Plan Actions:

4.1, Create a Safe, Healthy, and Attractive Environment for Residents and visitors;

4.1.3 Implementation of the Ives Park Master Plan;

4.2 Create Economic, Cultural and Recreational Opportunities to Maintain the Small Town Character of Sebastopol;

4.2.2 Foster a Sense of Community by Providing and Encouraging Participation in Community Events,

Volunteering, and working with Non Profits to Support Local Events;

5.1.4 Enhance the use of the City of Sebastopol Committees, Commission and Board.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. However, staff anticipates receiving public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report. Such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, public comments may be offered during the public comment portion of the agenda item.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE:

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no costs for the sculptures, as they will be on loan to the City for the duration (2 year) of the installation. The artists may sell their artwork at the conclusion of the show (they will remain on display for the one-year period).

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Sebastopol City Council approve the recommended artists. Staff will then work with the PAC to select placement of the pieces and with the artists to arrange for installation. The PAC will arrange for an opening celebration.

### Attachments:

Recommended Sculpture submissions.

#### Approvals:

 Department Head Approval:
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 Approval Date:
 \_\_/11/24

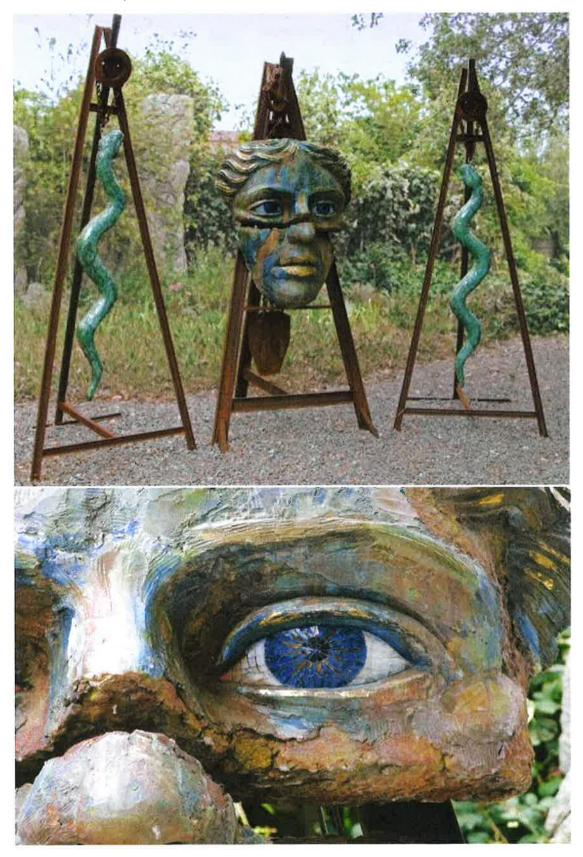
 CEQA Determination (Planning):
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 Approval Date:
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 Administrative Services/Financial Approval:
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 Approval Date:
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 Costs authorized in City Approved Budget:
 \_\_Yes \_\_ No
 \_\_NA
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 City Attorney Approval:
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 City Manager Approval:
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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 16th, 2024, PAC Meeting