

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
From: **Dave Schletty, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director**
Date: **May 11, 2020**

Art Park Metropolitan Regional Arts Council Grant

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of West St. Paul was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council (MRAC). In December, a subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee submitted a grant to install a new mosaic sculpture (example attached) at the art park at the corner of Butler and Oakdale. The grant proposed a project with St. Paul Artist Lori Greene to lead community events coordinating the creation of a mosaic column to be installed at Butler and Oakdale (the “Art Park”). The City is required to provide a \$2,500 match (\$500 of that has already been contributed by the South Robert Street Business Association). Fundraising for the remainder will begin this spring, followed by a series of events where the community will be invited to participate in creating the sculpture. The finished product will be installed in fall 2020 or spring 2021. Accepting this project grant is a first step to bring public art to the City of West St. Paul. Grant funds will be spent in 2020.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, accept the Art Park Metropolitan Regional Arts Council Grant.

ATTACHMENT:

Sample Mosaic Sculpture