

City of La Quinta

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING: SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

DEPARTMENT REPORT

TO: Community Services Commission

FROM: Steve Howlett, Golf, Parks, & Facilities Manager

SUBJECT: ART MAINTENANCE PRIORITIES FOR 2014/15

The Fiscal Year 2015/16 budget includes \$15,000 for the maintenance and repair of Art in Public Places.

This year, due to the water restrictions, the Highway 111 monuments, Spirit of La Quinta, and Flowing Presence fountains were all drained.

After reviewing all of the art work throughout the City, the following pieces are considered a priority for preventative maintenance and providing any needed repairs. These are; “Enjoy the Ride” at the Library bus stop, “Time Stream II” in the Village roundabout, and the 9/11 Memorial in the Campus.

In addition the following ongoing maintenance will occur:

1. Repaint the bases and wax the bronze on the three Acknowledgement pieces at the Campus.
2. Clean and wax the Spirit of La Quinta located near the north City Hall entry. Since the water has been drained, the calcium build-up in the fountain will also be removed.
3. Check the sculptures and paint bases at the south entrance to City Hall.
4. Clean and wax the Campus Bronze Relief Map.
5. Clean and check the In Between the Earth and Sky Spray Tower and the Gateway to the Desert at Fritz Burns Park.
6. Remove the Fritz Burns Park mosaics due to poor condition of glass tiles.
7. Repair the Campus mosaic behind the Library.

Since the Civic Center Campus has a large concentration of public art, all of these art pieces are inspected, cleaned, and repaired prior to the Veterans Day ceremony. This includes the three Acknowledgement pieces, the 9/11 Memorial, Stan’s Vision, La Quinta Relief Map, Leader of the Pack, Sun and Moonbeam, and the Campus Mosaics.

Vandalism of Art in Public Places is sporadic and will be corrected immediately following any occurrence. Some vandalism may be corrected in-house with staff while other occurrences may require an art maintenance contractor.

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