

**Memorandum
Community & Economic Development Department**



To: Thomas E. Thomas, City Manager
Subject: "Collapsing Wormhole" Purchase
Date: August 10, 2015

The sculpture "Collapsing Wormhole" was placed in Arts Alley during the 2014 Public Sculpture Program and has become a noted attraction for public photos and positive comment. With approval by the Arts Advisory Committee, the Community & Economic Development Department recommends that the City of Rock Island purchase this sculpture from the artist for permanent display in the City of Rock Island.

The City will receive a 35% discount from the listed price of \$9,230.00 and Mr. Riefe is applying the 2014-2015 rental fee of \$1,200.00 towards the cost, making \$4,799.50 the final purchase price for the City. The sculpture is currently located in Arts Alley and will remain there until a permanent location is found. An area east of Schweibert Riverfront Park near the 20th Street Overlook is being considered. The artist has agreed to move his sculpture from Arts Alley to the new location. The City will prepare a concrete pad upon which the sculpture will then be secured.

RECOMMENDATION

The Community & Economic Development Department recommends that City Council purchase the sculpture "Collapsing Wormhole" from the artist, Tommy Reife for \$4,799.50.

Vendor: Tommy Reife
Payment Amount: \$4,799.50
Fund: 207 Community/Economic Dev
Department: 312 Economic Development
Cost Center: 801 General Development
Object Code: 52408 Fixed Equipment< \$10,000.00

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Approved by: Thomas Thomas, City Manager

