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**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval of Des Moines Public Art Foundation Request to Place Art on City Property

**SYNOPSIS:**

The Des Moines Public Art Foundation, with financial assistance from the property owner, D. Katherine Elsner, DDS, adjacent to the south east intersection of Polk Boulevard and University Avenue, requests City Council authorize attachment of public art to the traffic control box for a public art pilot project.

**FISCAL IMPACT: NONE**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The traffic control box would be covered with a digital image plastic covering. This product has been applied to vehicles, buses and helicopters. The product should last at least five years as applied and can be removed if necessary without harm to the underlying material. Its longevity depends on the lifetime of the materials, as well as conditions of the site or changes in the utility box. The prototype is designed to be a temporary art project. The intention of the contemporary art projects is that they will exist “permanently” in documentation and memory, avoiding the need for long term care. This project will only be utilized as a demonstration of public art, and is not intended to include advertising or promotional material of any kind.

If this pilot project is successful, the Des Moines Public Art Foundation will work on an agreement with City staff for future installations and develop an agreement for ownership and maintenance of the art work prior to installation.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

City Council approval of an agreement for future installation and maintenance of additional art work.

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