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248-530-1800

## NOTICE OF MEETING - PUBLIC ARTS BOARD

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a meeting of the Public Arts Board will take place on **Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** in conference room 202/203 of the Municipal Building. Approved minutes of this meeting will be available on the City's website at [www.bhamgov.org](http://www.bhamgov.org).

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN in accordance with Act 261, 1968 Public Act 267.

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### MEETING AGENDA

**\*\*\* Board members who are not able to attend this meeting are encouraged to notify the staff representative in advance for consideration of a quorum. \*\*\***

- A. Roll Call
- B. Approval of Minutes – July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- C. Unfinished Business
- D. New Business
  - 1. Birmingham Sculpture Plaques**
  - 2. Electrical Box Paintings**
- E. Communication
- F. Public Comments
- G. Adjournment

### **Upcoming PAB Meeting: September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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## **Public Arts Board Minutes DRAFT**

**Rooms 202 & 203 Birmingham City Hall – July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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### **A. Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** Barbara Heller, Monica Neville, Linda Wells, Jason Eddleson, Natalie Bishae

**Members Absent:** Anne Ritchie

**Administration:** Brooks Cowan, City Planner

### **B. Approval of Minutes – May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (No quorum for June meeting)**

Motion to approve minutes made by Monica Neville, seconded by Natalie Bishai.

**Yeas: 5            Nays: 0**

The motion carried.

### **C. Unfinished Business**

The Public Arts Board has been planning to host arts and crafts activities at various events throughout the year such as Art in the Alley and Farmers Markets. Crafts materials for these events including scissors, hole punchers, straws and paper for participants to make pinwheels have been purchased. Six rolls of gorilla tape were also purchased for Art in the Alley to tape art to walls, and secure the electrical cords from the various plugs running from the rooftops to the band area. The total for these costs have amounted to \$105.70 so far. The Public Arts Board would indicated to they would also like to purchase pipe cleaners and foam shapes for crafts projects where kids can build miniature sculptures. The PAB decided that \$200 is an appropriate amount to recommend given then current schedule of events and available volunteers.

Motion to recommend \$200 for interactive art projects was made by Monica Neville, seconded by Natalie Bishai.

**Yeas: 5            Nays: 0**

The motion carried.

The Public Arts Board discussed potential locations for Chris Yockey's "The Counselor" sculpture in case the current North Old Woodward parking structure is torn down to make way for a new structure. They reviewed four suggested locations throughout Birmingham on public property, and the top two were the west facing wall of the new Chester Fire Station, or the exterior stair case of the Park Street parking structure. The Public Arts Board determined that the Park Street structure had more visibility and would be easier to move from its current location. The Public Arts Board also determined that they would like to recommend "The Counselor" be located at the site on a temporary basis and to be reconsidered if or when the buildings for the North Old Woodward redevelopment are built as they would like "The Counselor" to be a part of the proposed plaza in some way.

Motion to recommend the temporary relocation of the "The Counselor" to the Park Street parking structure on the southwest staircase at a height to be determined by the artist in case of new North Old Woodward parking structure plans being approved was made by Jason Eddleson, seconded by Natalie Bishai.

**Yeas: 5      Nays: 0**

The motion carried.

Chris Yockey has been made aware of the potential for his sculpture to be moved. In this discussion, the artist has offered to sell "The Counselor" to the City of Birmingham for an amount of \$5,500. The Public Arts Board believes this sculpture provides aesthetic value to its surroundings, the offered price is a good value, and that they should recommend the purchase of this piece.

Motion to recommend the purchase of Chris Yockey's "The Counselor" for an amount of \$5,500 was made by Monica Neville, seconded by Jason Eddleson.

**Yeas: 5      Nays: 0**

The motion carried.

The City has approved the donation and installation of Michigan Spring for the southwest corner of the library. A 6'x6' concrete pad will have to be poured before the sculpture can be installed. An issue with installation is that the sculpture needs a special mount in order to be secured to the concrete pad. The Library Board, Public Arts Board, and donor have also recommended that the mount elevate the sculpture by two feet, which will require extra crafting. City staff has been in communication with James Storm who is a sculpture mount fabricator for the Detroit Institute of Arts. The donor for "Michigan Spring" agreed that he would like James Storm to perform the installation due to his experience with the DIA. James Storm quoted the project to cost to be between \$700-\$900. The Public Arts Board felt that they should recommend up to \$1,000 to be safe, and then suggest that the Library Board contribute to any costs that exceed that amount, although they don't believe that will be the case.

Motion to recommend up to \$1,000 for James Storm to fabricate a sculpture mount for "Michigan Spring" and conduct the installation at the Library was made by Natalie Bishai, seconded by Monica Neville.

**Yeas: 5      Nays: 0**

The motion carried.

A fourth item was added to the agenda for the Public Arts Board in unfinished business. City Commission approved the Public Arts Board's recommendation for Piano in the Park on May 20, 2019. One of the conditions of approval was that the Piano be placed in the Shain Park until August 31, 2019, and would be revisited by City Commission in a time in August for review. The Public Arts Board discussed the positive feedback they have received from the community and would like to see the timeframe extended throughout the fall. They feel that location in Shain Park provided adequate protection from the weather. Jason Eddleson also notified the Board that Professional Movers coordinates with the Royal Oak and the Detroit School of Rock and Pop Music for moving piano's when the weather gets cold around December. The Public Arts Board would like to see Birmingham extend the timeframe for the piano into the winter and coordinate with Professional Movers when they are moving Royal Oak's pianos as well.

Motion to recommend Piano in the Park be extended from August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to sometime before December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, depending on the weather, to be coordinated with Professional Movers.

**Yeas: 5      Nays: 0**

The motion carried.

**D. New Business**

**E. Communication**

Electrical Box Painting is underway, Charity poker fundraiser is July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and nominations for Birmingham Bloomfield Cultural Arts Awards are due July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**F. Comments**

Mark Di Suvero has indicated he will be removing his sculptures Choopy and Heart of Tetrahyden from the locations in Birmingham July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The Public Arts Board would like to send thank you notes to the previous student reps Cole Wohlfel and Amelia Berry.

**G. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Brooks Cowan  
City Planner



## **MEMORANDUM**

**Planning Division**

**DATE:** August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

**TO:** Public Arts Board Members

**FROM:** Brooks Cowan, City Planner

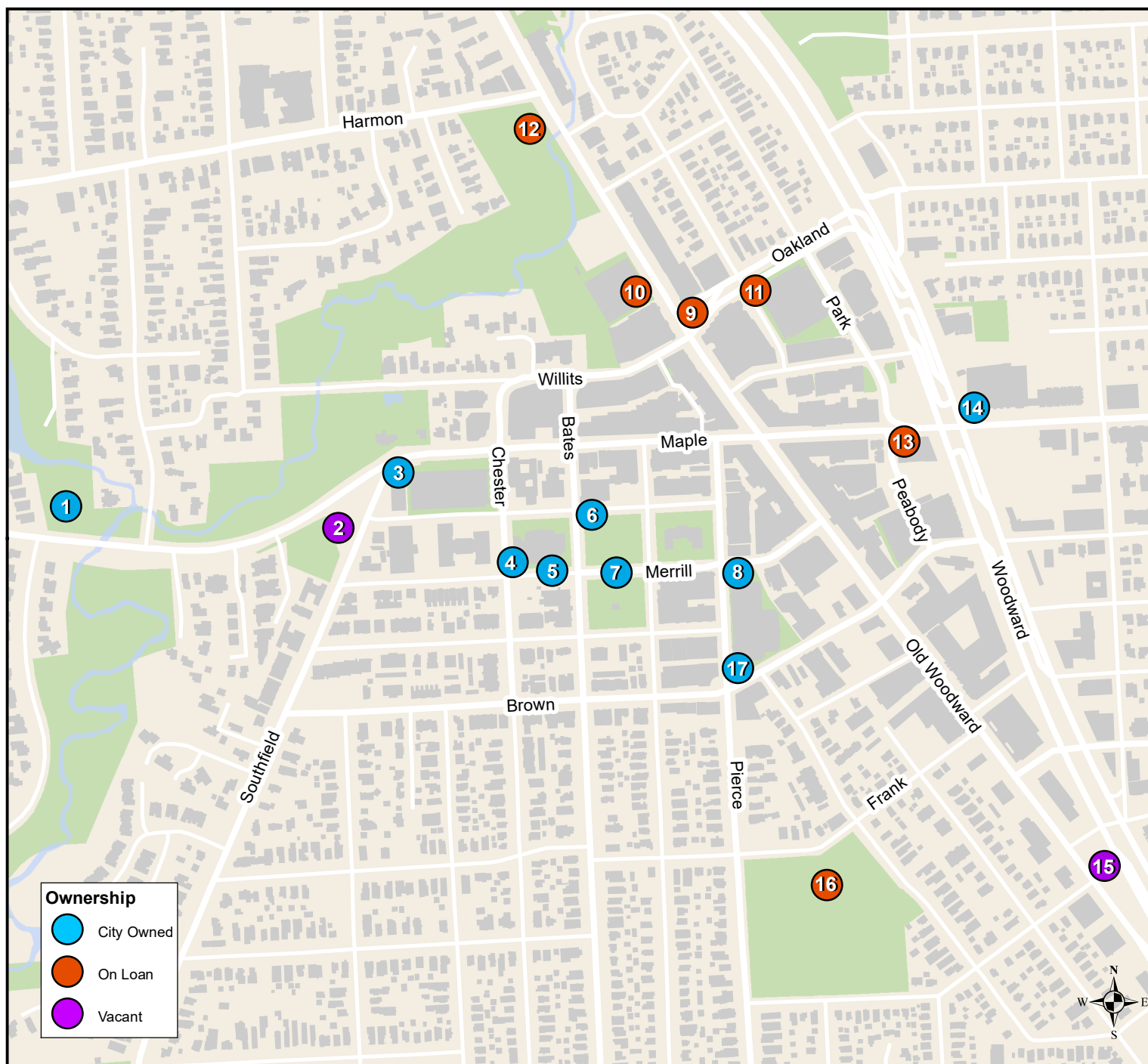
**APPROVED:** Jana Ecker, Planning Director

**SUBJECT:** Sculpture Plaque Inventory

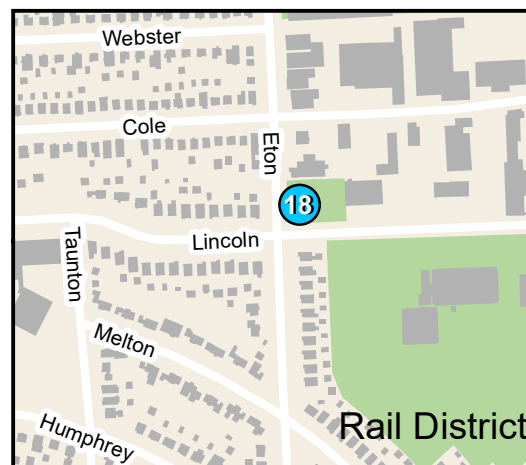
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On July 17, 2019, The Public Arts Board requested an inventory for plaques at sculptures. Please see attachments for the Birmingham Sculpture Location Map, photos of each sculpture, and a photo of the current plaque.

# Birmingham Sculpture Locations



1, Dancing Fish	10, The Counselor
2, (Vacant)	11, Untitled
3, Upcast	12, Eastern Hophornbeam (TBI)
4, Michigan Spring (TBI)	13, L.O.L.
5, Siberian Ram	14, Sound Heart
6, Peace Memorial	15, (Vacant)
7, Freedom of the Human Spirit	16, Windswept
8, Wind Rapids	17, X-Ray Man Ray
9, Torso	18, Breakaway - Form #3





Dancing Fish  
James Clover  
#1  
City Owned

# Dancing Fish

James Clover

American (1938)

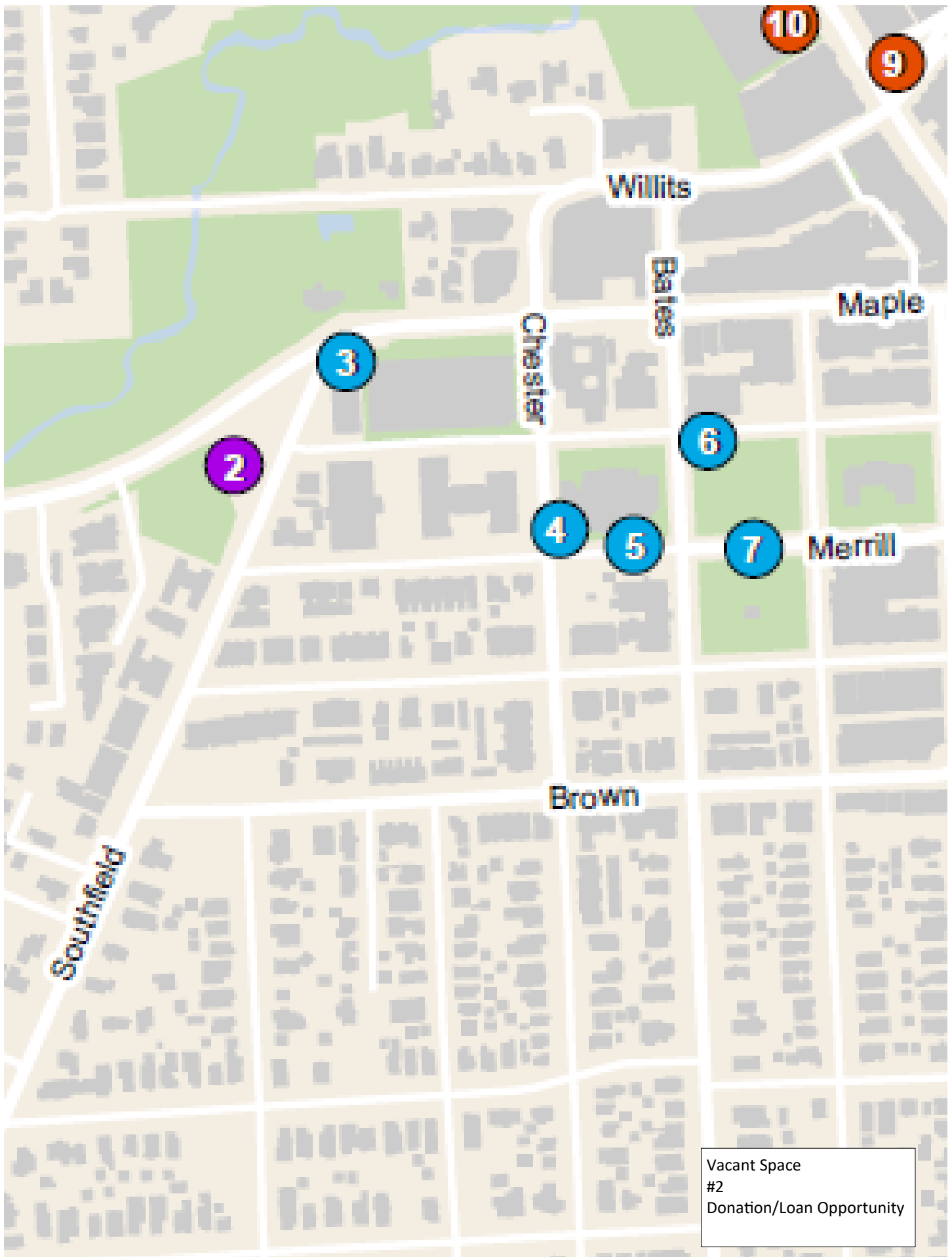
Steel, 1993

Dedicated October 1, 2008



City of Birmingham

*A Parked Community*





Upcast  
Clement Meadmore  
#3  
City Owned

UPCAST

Clement Meadmore

American (1929-2005)

Painted aluminum, 1987

Gift of Frederick A. and Barbara M. Erb

Dedicated May 30, 2007



To Be Installed at Library  
Fall 2019



Michigan Spring  
James Miller-Mellburg  
#4  
City Owned



The Ram  
Marshall Fredericks  
#5  
City Owned



Peace Memorial  
Marshall Frdericks  
#6  
City Owned



Memorial originally presented  
to the City of Birmingham  
by the Birmingham Rotary Club  
November 11, 1952

RELOCATION FUNDS PROVIDED BY:

BIRMINGHAM ROTARY CLUB  
FIDELITY BANK  
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BARBARA JESKE  
WOLVERINE STONE INC., THE CAPP FAMILY  
FIRST OF AMERICA BANK  
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CITY OF BIRMINGHAM



Freedom of the Human Spirit  
Marshall Fredericks  
#7  
City Owned





Wind Rapids  
Russell Thayer  
#8  
City Owned

# Wind Rapids

by Russell Thayer

CityScapes 2006

A Program of the Birmingham Public Arts Board  
in collaboration with the  
Cultural Council of Birmingham Bloomfield



Torso  
Herb Babcock  
#9  
On Loan

# Torso

by Herb Babcock

CityScapes 2006

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The Counselor  
Chris Yockey  
#10  
On Loan

CHRISTOPHER YOCKEY  
UNTITLED

SAUVÉ  
  
ART FOUNDATION

CityScapes2008

 HILL GALLERY



Untitled  
Nathan Diana  
#11  
On Loan

NATHAN DIANA  
UNTITLED



CityScapes 2008

 HILL GALLERY

To Be Installed at  
Booth Park



Eastern Hophornbeam  
Robert Lobe  
#12  
On Loan

plaque to be installed





LOL  
Kirk Newman  
#13  
On Loan

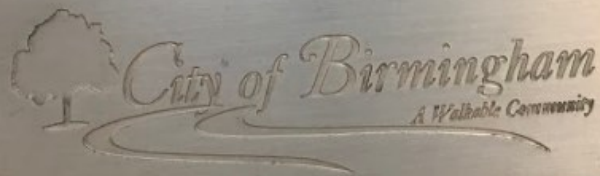
L.O.L.

Kirk Newman

American (1926)

Bronze, 2011

Long-term loan from: Catalyst Development Co. 8, LLC  
Dedicated July 28, 2011

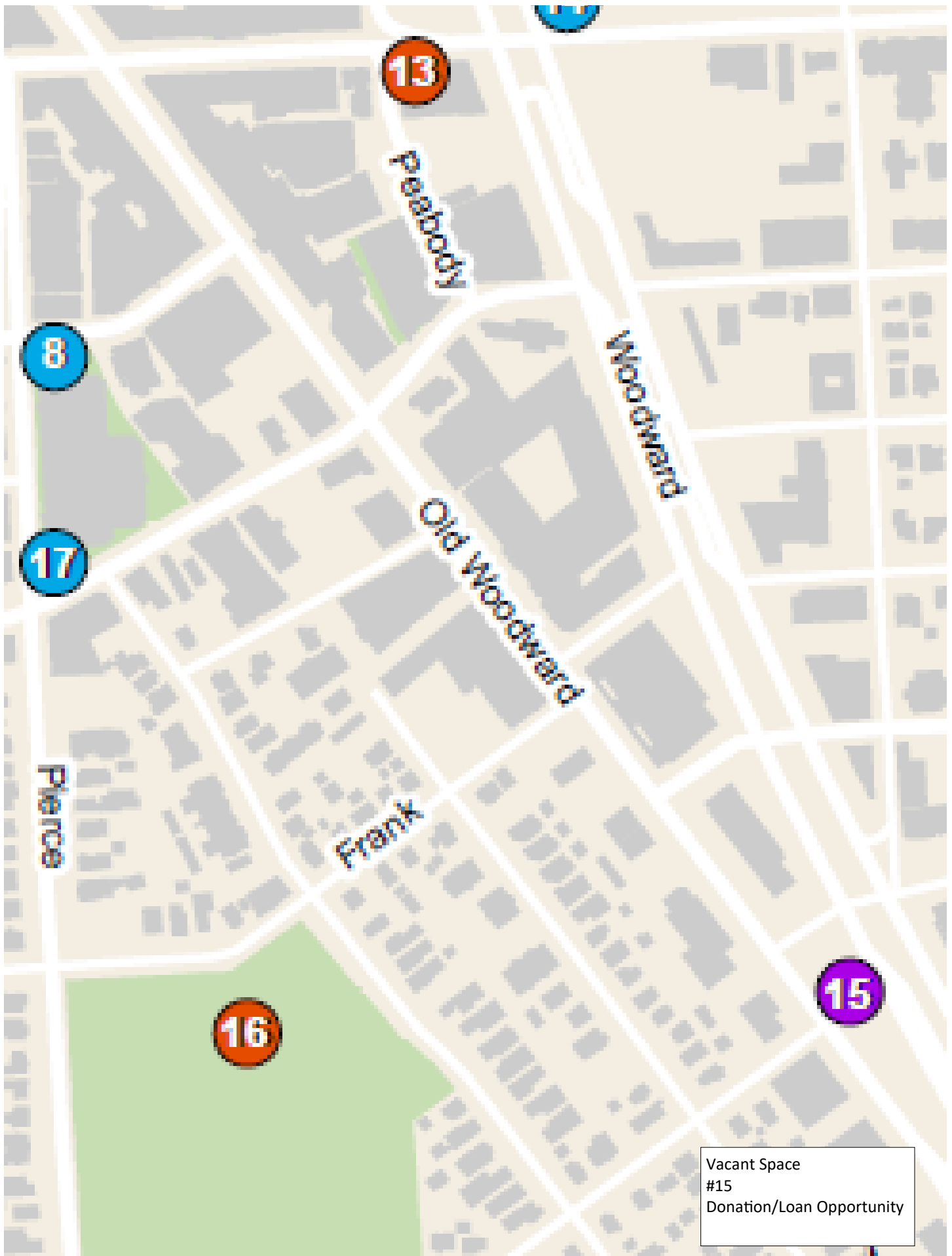




Sound Heart  
Jay Lefkowitz  
#14  
City Owned

Sound Heart plaque to be installed







Windswept  
Gary Kulak  
#16  
On Loan

Windswept plaque to be installed





X-Ray Man Ray  
Terry Lee Dill  
#17  
City Owned

X-Ray ManRay

Terry Lee Dill

American (1949- )

Painted steel, 2006

Gift of Dr. Mark Berman

Dedicated September 17, 2010



City of Birmingham

A World of Community



Break Away Form #3  
Daniel Larue-Johnson  
# 18  
City Owned

# Break Away - Form #3

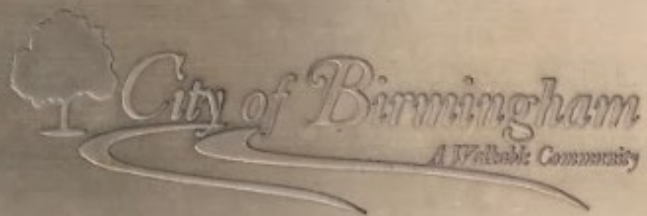
Daniel LaRue-Johnson

American (1938- )

Corten Steel, 1970

Gift of Ms. June Lieberman

Dedicated May 1, 2014





## MEMORANDUM

Planning Division

**DATE:** August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

**TO:** Public Arts Board Members

**FROM:** Brooks Cowan, City Planner

**APPROVED:** Jana Ecker, Planning Director

**SUBJECT:** Electric Box Paintings

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On May 22, 2019, The City Commission approved the Public Arts Board recommendation to paint the electric box in front of Birmingham 8 Theater as a popcorn box. Upon approval, the City Commission recommended examining designs for the other electrical boxes located in downtown Birmingham. Please see attachments for photos of current Popcorn Box painting, as well as the electrical boxes location along Old Woodward Avenue at Merrill Street and Oakland Street.





## N. Old Woodward and Oakland Ave



## S. Old Woodward and Merrill



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