



MEMORANDUM

Planning Division

DATE: November 17th, 2021

TO: Public Arts Board Members

FROM: Brooks Cowan, City Planner

SUBJECT: Art on Loan Application for multiple sculptures by Ray Katz
(Updates in Blue)

Artist Ray Katz has provided a number of sculptures for the Public Arts Board to consider for loan as a part of the 2021 Call For Entry. The sculptures consist of fabricated and welded steel. Details for each are provided on the following pages.

On July 21st, the Public Arts Board reviewed the various sculptures and discussed the possible locations. The greenspace at S. Old Woodward and Woodard, south of the 555 building included in the Call-For-Entry could potentially work, however the Board that another location could be considered. The corner of Southlawn and Southfield Road at Crestview Park was proposed as another possible location. This area does not have a sculpture and could be a good location where Southfield Road acts as a type of entryway to Birmingham.

The Board requested that renderings be provided to show what the sculptures would look like in Crestview Park, as well as in front of the 555 building. The Board agreed that a taller sculpture would be better vs. the lower spread out ones. Staff has provided mockups of "Burst" and "Astral Projection" in Crestview Park and the 555 Building for review.

On October 20th, 2021 the Public Arts Board recommended Astral Projection to be installed at Crestview Park at the corner of Southfield and Southlawn.

On November 9th, 2021 the Parks and Rec Board reviewed the sculpture location recommendation for "Astral Projection". It was brought up that Crestview Park is a finalist for Birmingham's proposed addition of pickle ball courts. The final selection will be at the Parks and Rec Board meeting in December of 2021. If selected for pickle ball, there will still be greenspace for the proposed sculpture at Crestview Park, however the background/surroundings will be closer to a chain link fence and pickle ball court. The Parks & Rec Board postponed the item and requested that the Public Arts Board comment on the possibility of pickle ball courts being closer to the sculpture.

14' height – 12' width – 11' length



