

**Village of Royal Palm Beach**  
**Village Council**  
**Agenda Item Summary**

**Agenda Item:**

**PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPLICATION NO. 24-016 (AAR), AN APPLICATION BY MARIO LOPEZ PISANI ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH. THE APPLICANT IS REQUESTING ARCHITECTURAL & AESTHETIC REVIEW APPROVAL FOR THE COMMISSION, PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AN 11-FOOT TALL SCULPTURAL WORK TITLED “ROOTED” BY ARTIST BETH NYBECK TO FULFILL THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES REQUIREMENT FOR THE NEW VILLAGE HALL, FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1050 ROYAL PALM BEACH BOULEVARD.**

**Issue:**

The Applicant is requesting Architectural & Aesthetic Approval for the commission, purchase and installation of an 11’ high, 11.5’ wide, and 11.5’ deep aluminum sculpture titled “Rooted” by Kansas City based artist Beth Nybeck to fulfill the Art in Public Places requirement for the new Village Hall, for a property located at 1050 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard.

On June 14, 2023, the Village advertised an Open Call to Artists Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for New Village Hall Public Art Commission in accordance with Section 26-75.5(f)(2)(a)(1) of the Village Code. Following Selection Committee review and ranking, the Village Council awarded a contract to artist Beth Nybeck. The Village entered into an Artist Agreement with Artist Nybeck on December 7, 2023 which contemplates the commissioning of a public art piece to exhibit permanently on the exterior of the new Village Hall, which is broken down into three (3) phases, as follows:

- Phase I – Preliminary Rendering
- Phase II – Complete Application
- Phase III – Commissioning, Creation, and Installation

As part of Phase I, Artist Nybeck conducted one-on-one meetings with all Council members to discuss ideas on the commissioning. Informed by those meetings, Artist Nybeck describes the art piece as follows:

“This dynamic sculpture is built from two intersecting leaves. Nature is such a vital part of Royal Palm Beach. The dedication, pride, and love of your parks was echoed by all council members.

The leaves tower above the viewer at 11’ high. When you look at a leaf closely, you can see the veins...the lifeline for water and the pathway for photosynthesis. These vein-

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like structures can be found throughout nature—in streams and rivers, our own blood and nervous system, and of course countless botanical examples. It is a picture of life and growth.

Nestled within the water pathway on the leaves are fifty spaces for community responses to be cut out of the surface. There will be an opportunity for the community members of Royal Palm Beach to give reflections on their sense of home. These reflections (one or two words, or a full sentence) will be cut out of the surface of the metal, allowing light and air to pass through their words.

The sculpture embodies the Villages’ commitment to preserving nature and parks. It reflects the life, growth, and vibrancy of the community. It celebrates the community’s specific ties to their sense of home.”

The aluminum sculpture will fulfill the public art requirement as part of Application No. 20-54 (SPM, AAR), as amended with pending Application No. 24-011, approving the site plan modification for the new Village Hall complex. The certified cost estimates for the project were stated as \$12,894,392.00 triggering the Village’s Art in Public Places requirement for capital projects equal to one percent (1%) of total vertical construction costs with the costs of art encumbered from Village capital facility budgets not to exceed \$100,000.00 per public facility.

The estimated amount to complete the commission and installation of the aluminum sculpture titled “Rooted” by Artist Beth Nybeck is estimated at \$100,000.00. This project fulfills the Art in Public Places requirement outlined in Sec. 26-75.5. – Art in Public Places under the Village’s Code of Ordinances for the new Village Hall.

Note that the Village will install the concrete pad and Code-required lighting for the sculpture.

The Artist anticipates 4-6 months to complete the commissioning once approved, with installation anticipated between August and October 2024.

Please refer to **Attachment A** for illustrations of the proposed public art, with digital renderings in the proposed location.

**Recommended Action:**

Staff is recommending of Approval of Application No. 24-016 (AAR) with the condition that the Artist provide the Village with engineered wind loads for the proposed piece for permitting purposes. This approval is contingent on Village Council approval of Application No. 24-011 (SPM).

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**Attachment A**  
**Proposed Public Art Renderings**

Directly below is a digital illustration of the proposed artwork created for the site.



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## Attachment A Cont'd

Directly below is a digital rendering of the proposed artwork detail.



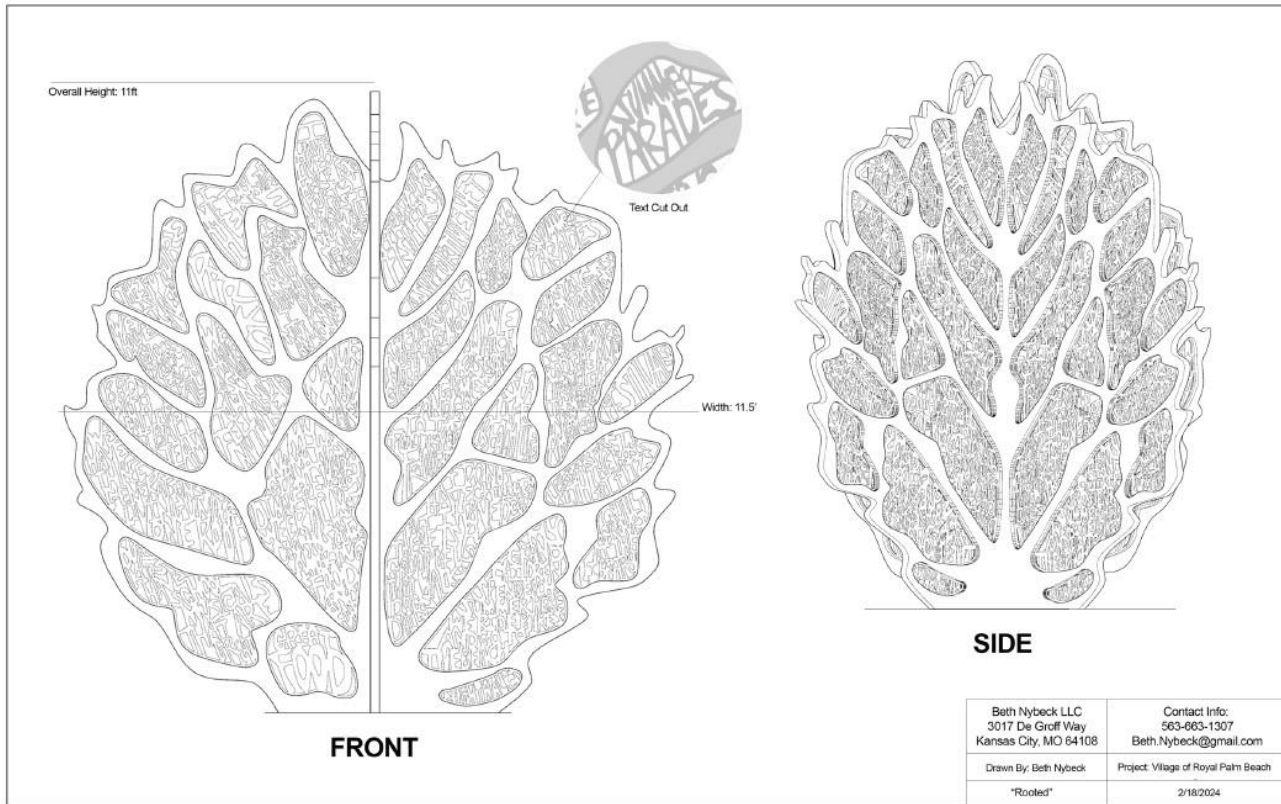
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## Attachment A Cont'd Digital Renderings

Directly below are elevation drawings of the proposed artwork.



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**ORDER OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH  
ARCHITECTURAL APPROVAL  
Art In Public Places**

**IN RE:           Application No. 24-016(AAR)**

**APPLICANT: Village Hall Public Art @ 1050 Royal Palm Beach  
Boulevard**

**Proposed Location (Site Plan):**

Attached as Exhibit "A"

**ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION**

This cause came to be heard upon the above application and the Village Council of the Village of Royal Palm Beach having considered the evidence presented by the applicant and other interested persons at a hearing called and properly noticed and being otherwise advised.

**THEREUPON**, the Village Council of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, Florida, finds as follows:

1.     The property which is the subject of said application is classified and zoned as Public Ownership (PO) by the Zoning Code of the Village of Royal Palm Beach and the zoning map made a part thereof by reference.
2.     The applicant seeks Architectural Approval under Royal Palm Beach Code of Ordinances Section 26-75.5 to allow for an approval of the commissioning and installation of the art in public places required for the new Village Hall Public Art project.
3.     Under the provisions of 26-75.5(f)(2)c. of the Village Code of Ordinances, the Village Council has the right, power and authority to act upon the application herein made.
4.     In the judgment of the Village Council, the public welfare will best be served by **APPROVING** the application.
5.     This **APPROVAL** of the Architectural application for the project known as Village Hall Public Art @ 1050 Royal Palm Beach

Boulevard shall attach to and become part of the Village development orders for this project.

6. **IT IS THEREUPON CONSIDERED, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** by the Village Council of Royal Palm Beach as follows:

the application for Architectural approval, concerning the art in public places with reference to the above-referenced property in the Village of Royal Palm Beach, Florida, as depicted in Exhibit “B” attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby **Approved** subject to the following condition:

The Artist shall provide the Village with engineered wind loads for the proposed piece for permitting purposes

**since the applicant meets the review criteria set forth in Section 26-75.5(g) of the Village Code of Ordinances.**

\* The term “applicant” shall include all successors and assigns

**Done and ordered this 16th day of May, 2024.**

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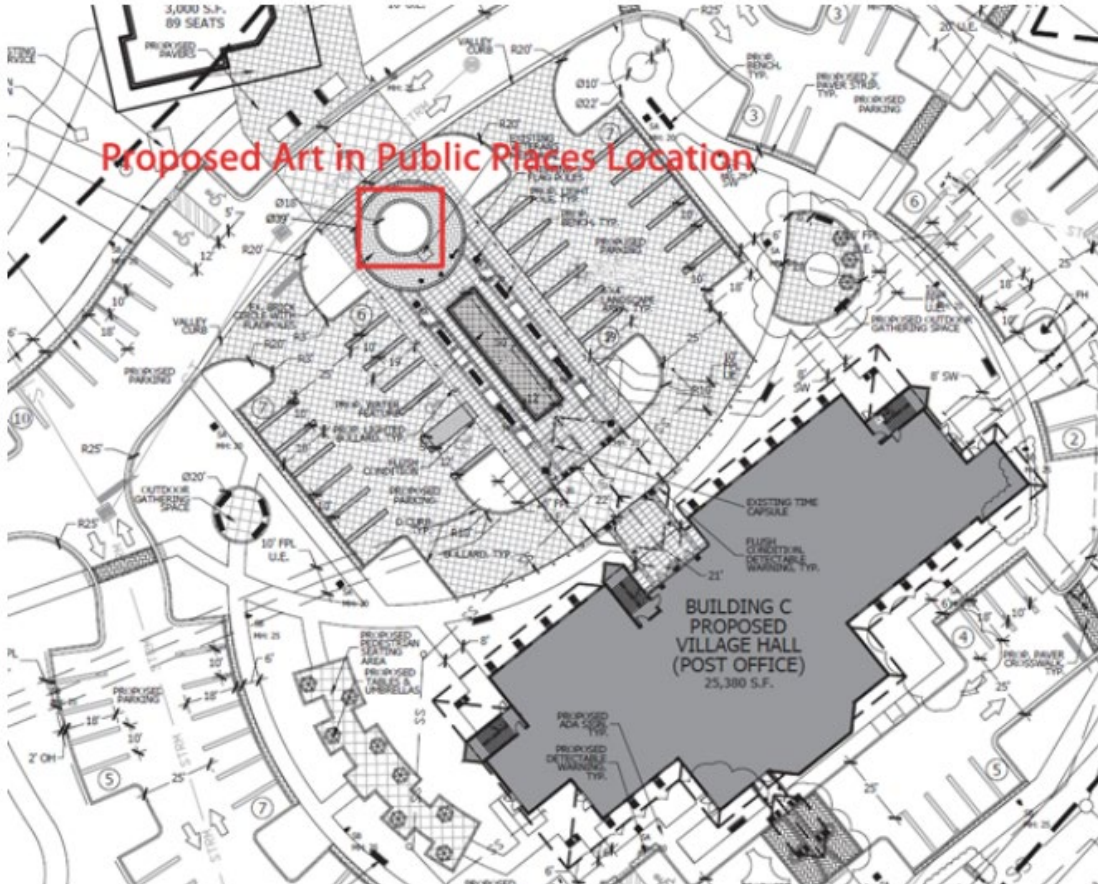
Mayor Fred Pinto  
Village of Royal Palm Beach

Attest:

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Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk

Directly below is the proposed location of the art in public places installation.





**Exhibit B**  
**Proposed Sculpture**  
**Village Hall Public Art @ 1050 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard**  
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Directly below is the proposed artwork to be installed.



**Exhibit B Cont'd**  
**Proposed Sculpture**  
**Village Hall Public Art @ 1050 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard**  
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Directly below are elevation drawings of the proposed artwork.

