

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

Agenda Item:

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC ART COMMISSION FOR THE NEW VILLAGE HALL CAPITAL PROJECT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A WRITTEN CONTRACT WITH THE SELECTED ARTIST

Issue:

Section 26-75.5(f) of the Village Code imposes public art requirements on Village capital projects, requiring an amount for the purchase of permanent artwork, or the renewal and replacement of existing artwork, equal to one percent (1%) of the total vertical construction costs of all buildings on a project site. Subsection (f)(1)(c) further states that the cost of art encumbered from Village capital facility budgets shall not exceed \$100,000.00 exclusive of donated or loaned art per public facility.

Previously approved Application No. 20-54, New Village Hall project, included an estimated total vertical construction cost of \$12,894,392.00.

On June 14, 2023, the Village advertised an Open Call to Artists Request 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. The Selection Committee convened on July 18, 2023 to review and rank proposals received in response to the RFQ. As required by Section 26-75.5(g)1. of the Village Code, the Village shall consider the following criteria in selecting artists for public projects:.

- a. The aesthetic and technical quality and originality of the artist's previous work as evidenced by photos and other supporting materials;
- b. The artist's previous experience with public art projects of a similar scale and scope;
- c. The artist's demonstrated ability to execute and complete a project in a timely and professional manner;
- d. The artist's ability to communicate ideas verbally and visually, and work effectively in a team environment; and
- e. The appropriateness of the artist's proposal to the particular project and its probability of successful completion.

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These criteria were included in the RFQ and assigned weighted maximum point totals and evaluated, scored and ranked by the Selection Committee. Village Code also requires the Selection Committee to select at least two (2) finalists for consideration by the Village Council. Based on the review and ranking conducted on July 18, 2023, the Selection Committee has selected the following finalists for Village Council consideration based on the weighted scores and ranking:

- Rank #1 - Beth Nybeck
- Rank #2 (tie) - Owen Morrel (Morrel Studios, Inc.)
- Rank #2 (tie) - Vito DiBari (Dibari Innovation Design)

Please refer to **Attachments A, B, and C** for illustrations of samples of each of the finalist's work.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends the Village Council select the preferred artist for the commission of art to fulfill the public art requirement for the new Village Hall complex.

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Attachment A
Beth Nybeck Sample 1
Skylight, Stainless Steel, 12' x 10' 10", 2023, Roundabout, Liberty, MO, USA

Directly below are illustrations of Beth Nybeck's work.



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Attachment A Cont'd
Beth Nybeck Sample 2

Indivisible, Aluminum + Powder-coated Stainless Steel, 10' x 9' x 8', 2021, Molly Bowden Police Station, Columbia, MO

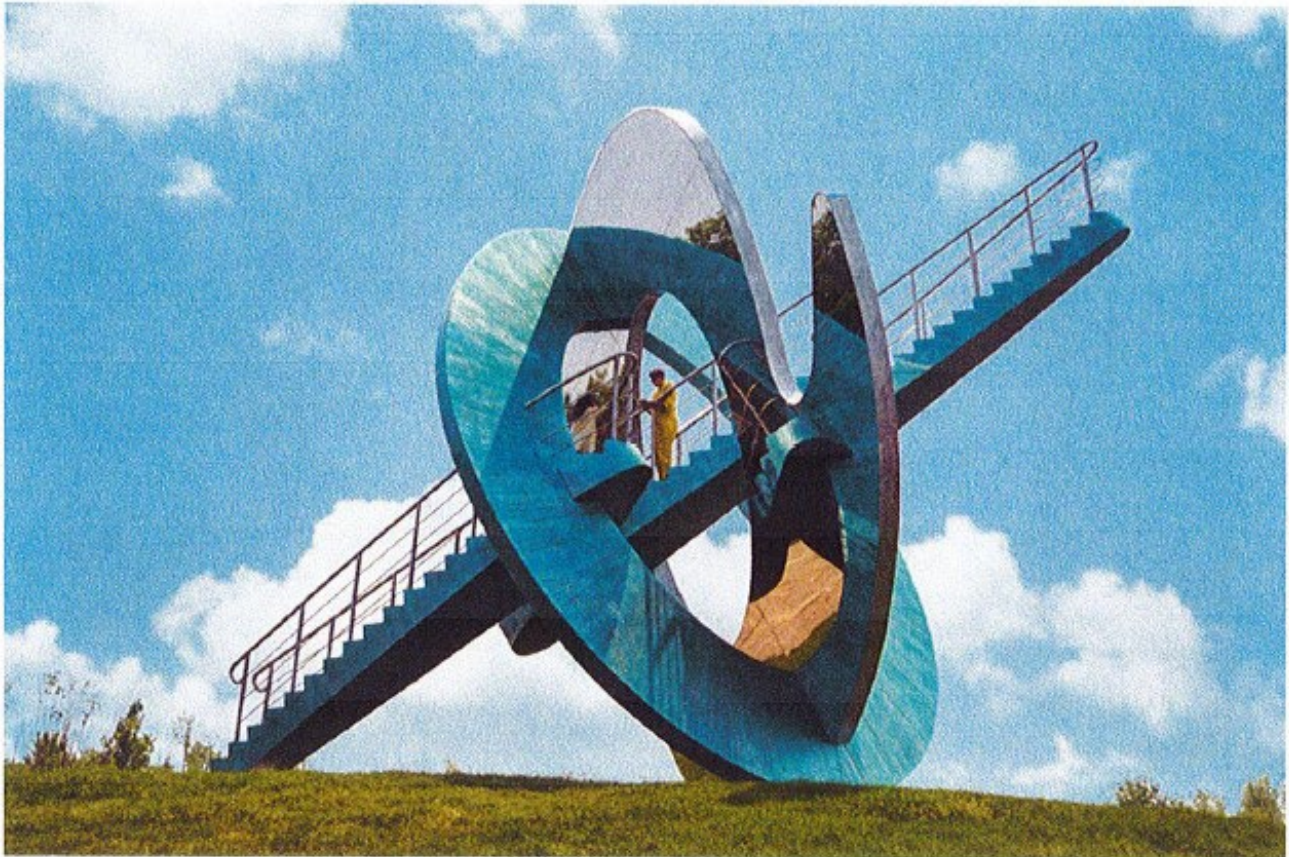
Directly below are illustrations of Beth Nybeck's work.



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Attachment B
Owen Morrel Sample 1
Lighthouse, Aluminum, Stainless Steel, 30' x 30' x 55', 2002, Independence Station, Oswego, NY

Directly below are illustrations of Owen Morrel's work.

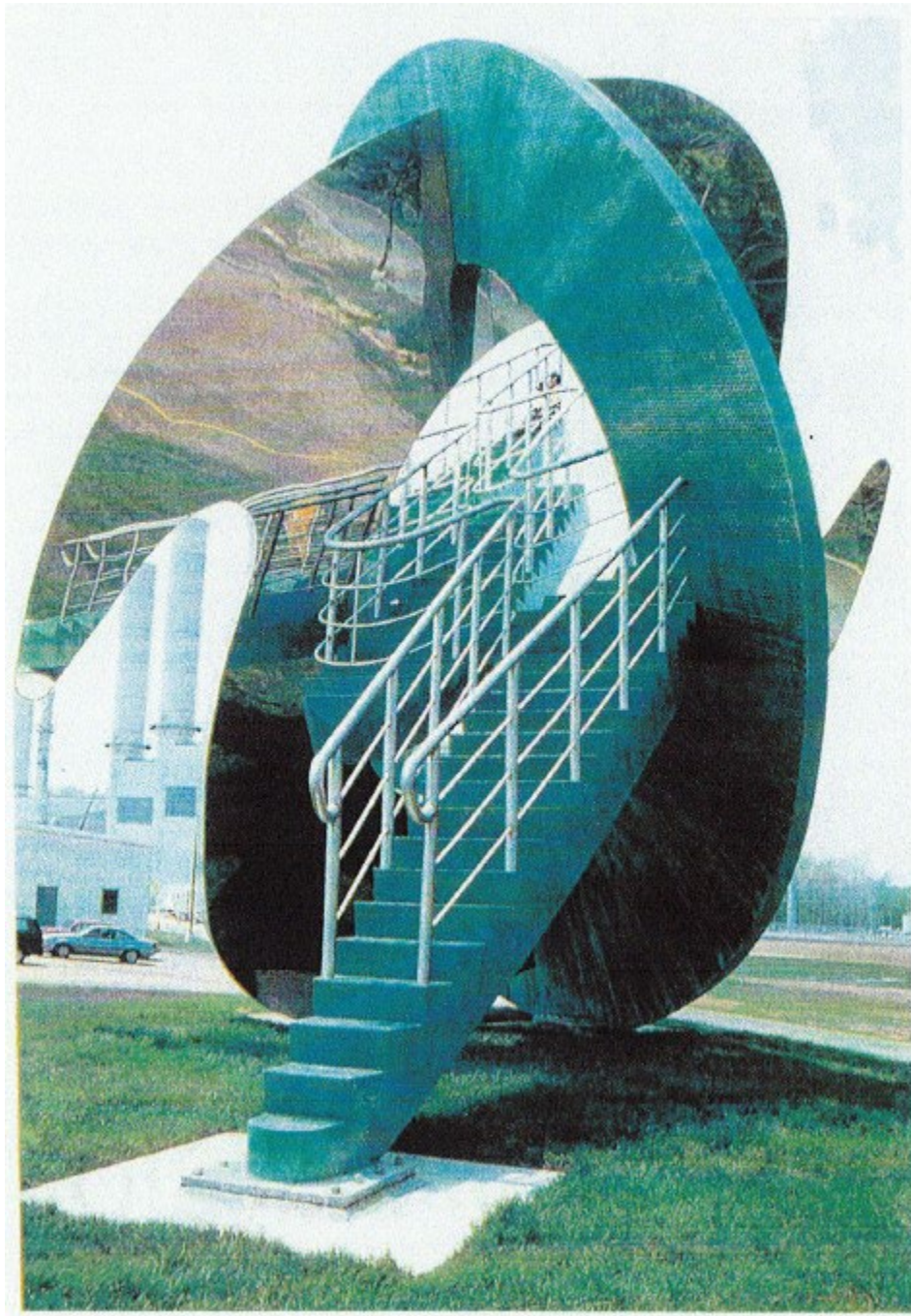


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Owen Morrel Sample 2

Lighthouse, Aluminum, Stainless Steel, 30' x 30' x 55', 1995, Independence Station, Oswego, NY

Directly below are illustrations of Owen Morrel's work.



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Attachment C
Vito DiBari Sample 1
MyEquilibria, Concrete + Wood, 23' x 30' x 23', 2018, Miami Beach, FL

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Vito DiBari Sample 2

Sun Salutations, Water Jet Cut Powder Coated Aluminum + Dichroic Glass, 7.5' x 6.5', 2021, West Palm Beach, FL

Directly below are illustrations of Vito DiBari's work.



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