

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

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Amend No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date prepared: March 16, 2010

Council Meeting Date: May 4, 2010

**TO:** Carl Swenson, City Manager  
**THROUGH:** Susan J. Daluddung, Deputy City Manager  
**FROM:** J.P. de la Montaigne, Community Services Director  
**SUBJECT:** Sunrise Mountain Library Public Art Project

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Discussion and possible action to a) approve the recommendation from the Peoria Arts Commission to select Latka Studios to produce an exterior sculpture located in the front of Sunrise Mountain Library and b) authorize the City Manager to execute an artist agreement in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Funds are available in the FY 10 Percent for the Arts account for this project.

**SUMMARY:**

In August 2009 the Peoria Arts Commission initiated a national call to artists for the purpose of selecting an artist to produce artwork for the grounds of the Sunrise Mountain Library. The call to artists generated 62 entries from as far away as New York. A citizen and staff selection committee was created and included: Friends of the Library President Bonnie Monroe, Library Board member Andrea Shultz, Arts Commission members Robert Benson and Linda Ballance and Branch Library Manager Pattie Fransen. After reviewing samples of the candidates' works, proposals and biographies, the selection committee identified three artists to further develop and present site specific proposals. In February 2010 the artists presented their proposals to the selection committee. The selection committee unanimously recommended Latka Studios for the project.

Latka Studios' concept, "Be Water", is a sculpture comprised of 3 large independent forms ranging in heights of 14, 18 and 20 feet. They will incorporate concrete, glass, ceramics and metal. The placement will be located in front of the Sunrise Mountain Library along Lake Pleasant Parkway.

**CITY CLERK USE ONLY:**

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**Theme:** The motion of "Be Water" acknowledges the beauty of water. The curves of the sculpture mirror the movement of the roofline on the building. It provides contrast by creating a water element in an arid environment while also making a connection to the architecture of the library.

This public art project is consistent with the cultural arts master plan which recommends that the City place public art in highly visible locations throughout the community. The master plan also notes that it is important for the City to undertake a variety of art mediums for future public art projects so that residents can experience a diverse art collection of different types of artwork. When completed, the sculpture will be the first artwork of its kind in the City's collection.

The Peoria Arts Commission unanimously recommended approval to commission Latka Studios for the art project at Sunrise Mountain Library at its meeting on March 9, 2010.

If approved, the project will commence in June 2010 and will be ready for installation in early November 2010. Examples of past projects from Latka Studios may be found at <http://www.ceramicsite.com>.

**FISCAL NOTE:** Funds are available in the Percent for the Arts, Account No. 1111-0120-541003.

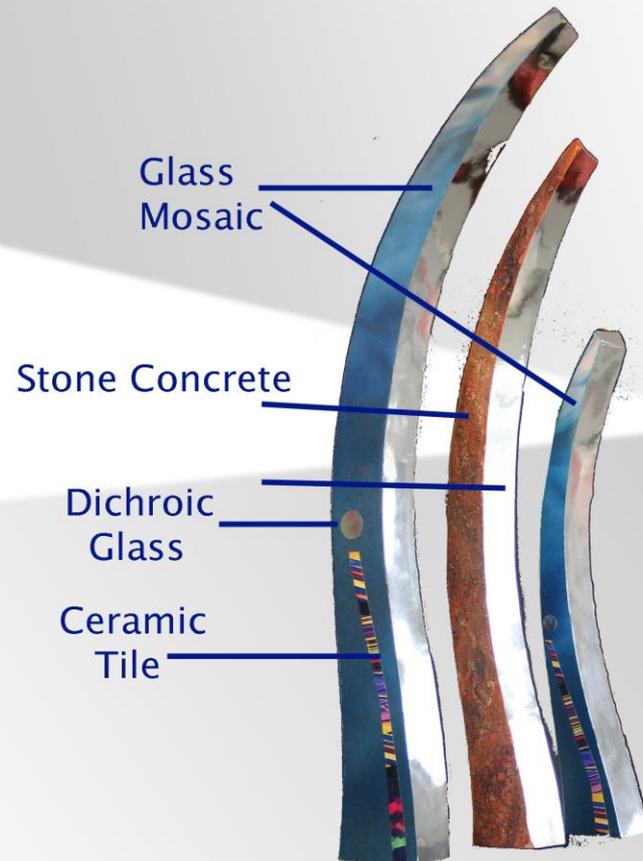
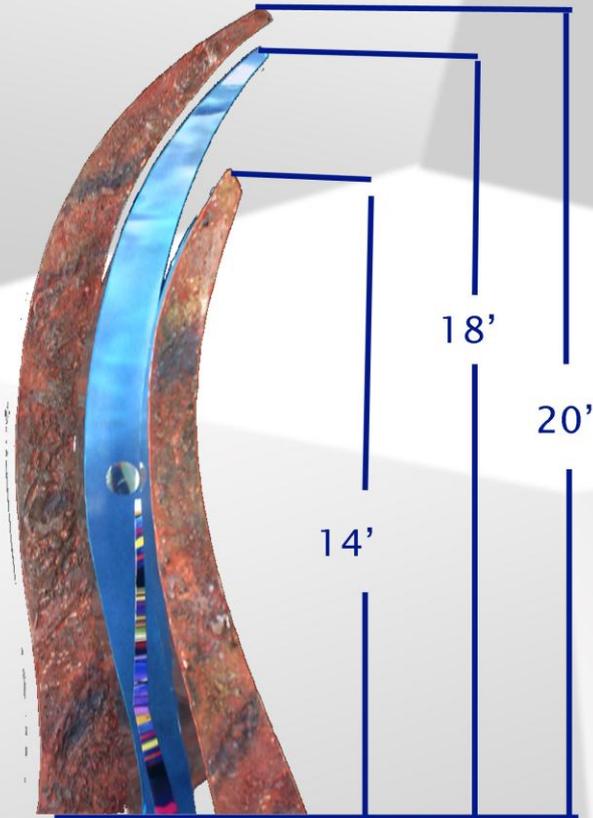
**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Artist rendering of art project (2 pgs)
2. Latka Studios Curriculum Vitae

**PREPARED BY:** David Hunenberg, Library Manager



# Sunrise Mountain Library



“Be Water”

**curriculum vitae**

**Latka Studios**

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**MAJOR COMMISSIONS**

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| City of Pueblo, "Culture Threads" Polycarbonate, Auto Paint, 2-36'x6'  | 2008 |
| City of Aurora, Co. Sculpture, Concrete, Glass, 20'x20'x6'             | 2007 |
| City of Grand Junction Mural Ceramic 20;x12'                           | 2006 |
| Greeley Arch, Greeley Colorado 14'x16'x2' Concrete, ceramic,           | 2005 |
| Pikes Peak Homeless Shelter Entrance 10'x10'x6' Ceramic, Steel,        | 2005 |
| *The Palms, Las Vegas, Nevada, Glass, 8' Dia.                          | 2004 |
| *Kyocera-Global, Tokyo, Japan 24'x10' Glass                            | 2004 |
| The Headwater Fountain Plaza 1000'x200'x36' Ceramic, Concrete          | 2004 |
| *The Hotel Sanissouci, Prague, Czech Republic, 288' Sq. Ft of Pillars  | 2003 |
| Pueblo Community College Donor Wall Ceramic/Glass 24'x8'x3"            | 2003 |
| City of Aurora Mural 8'x12'x3" Ceramic and Glass                       | 2002 |
| Parkview Hospital Entrance 10'x20'x6" Ceramic and Glass                | 2002 |
| Bluesky Enterprises Donor Wall 5'x20'x4" Ceramic                       | 2001 |
| Historic Arkansas River Project, ceramic, stone, concrete, Pueblo, Co. | 2000 |
| Wark Building Pueblo, Co. Ceramic, 18'x18'                             | 1998 |
| City of Littleton Relief Mural 8'x12'x6'                               | 1998 |
| Bus Terminal City of Pueblo, Relief Mural 12'x 24'x6"                  | 1997 |
| Northern New Mexico Community College 12'x12' relief mural             | 1995 |
| El Pueblo Museum 10'x10' , ceramic relief mural                        | 1994 |
| Gandhi Peace Park Fountain, Pueblo Co. 3'x3'x2' Aluminum               | 1994 |
| El Pueblo Pride Park sculpture 20'x13'x10'                             | 1993 |
| Pueblo Public Library 8'x8' relief mural                               | 1992 |
| St. Mary Corwin Hospital, Pueblo, Co. relief mural 20'x8'              | 1990 |
| Dutch Clark Stadium Pueblo, Co. sculpture 20'x20'x13'                  | 1985 |
| *S.C.I.A.R.C, Santa Monica, Ca. Fountain 20'x20'6' aluminum            | 1987 |
| *Chicago Botanical Garden Fountain 60'x14'x3' stone and ceramic        | 1986 |

\*Asterisk was with the Design Team *Solar Plexus*

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

***Tom Latka***

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| Masters of Art Ca. State University, Fullerton, Ca.      | 1970 |
| Bachelor of Arts, Ca. State University at Fullerton, Ca. | 1969 |

***Jean Latka***

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| Bachelor of Arts, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs | 1972 |
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**AWARDS AND EXHIBITIONS**

***Tom Latka***

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| One Person Show, California State University, Fullerton, Cal. | 1970 |
| Two Person Show, The Colorado College Co. Springs Co.         | 1973 |

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| "Colorado '83, Colorado Springs Fine Art Center Co.Sprgs         | 1983                  |
| One Person Show; The News Gallery Denver, Co.                    | 1984                  |
| "Colorado Clay" Foothills Art Center Golden Co.                  | 1987                  |
| Group show: Pikes Peaks Center Co. Springs, Colorado             | 1987, 1986            |
| Awards: Colorado State Fair, Pueblo, Colorado                    | 2000,1989, 1986, 1985 |
| Three Person show "Latkaland" Lincoln Art Center Ft. Collins Co. | 1993                  |
| Invitation Fremount County Art Center                            | 1993                  |
| Invitation Commonwheel Art Gallery                               | 1993                  |
| Three-person show at the Artisan Center, Denver, Co.             | 2000                  |
| Two person show Sangra De Cristo Pueblo, Co                      | 2000                  |
| Jurors Choice Colorado State Fair, Pueblo, Co.                   | 2004                  |
| One person show Commonwheel, Co. Springs Co.                     | 2006                  |

***Jean Latka***

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| Award: Honorable Mention, "Own Your Own" Art Show, Pueblo Colorado,          | 1984      |
| Colorado State Fair, Pueblo, Colorado  | 1994-1995 |
| "Latkaland", The Lincoln Center, Fort Collins, Co.,                          | 1993      |
| Invitational Fremont County Art Center, Canon City, Co.                      | 1993      |
| Invitational to the Commonwheel Artists Coop, Manitou Springs, Co.           | 1993      |
| Two person show Sangra De Cristo Pueblo, Co                                  | 2000      |
| One-person show, Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center,<br>Pueblo, Co. | 2000      |
| Group Show, Artists on Santa Fe, Denver, Colorado                            | 2000      |
| Group Show, Colorado Historical Society, Denver, Co.                         | 2000      |
| Group Show, Denver Public Library  | 2000      |
| One Person Show, Gary Mauro Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico                    | 2000      |

***WORK EXPERIENCE***

***Tom Latka***

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| Studio artist Pueblo, Co.                                  | 1975-present |
| Instructor for The Colorado College, Co. Sprgs. Co         | 1971-1976    |
| Graduate Lab Assistant, California State College Fullerton | 1969-1970    |

***Jean Latka***

1977- present: studio artist, muralist, business manager, advertising and marketing director, gallery coordinator and accountant for LATKA STUDIOS

***PUBLICATIONS- CONSULTING***

Author's of book "Ceramic Extruding" Tom and Jean Latka Krause Publication 2000  
Ceramics Monthly, Sept. 1995 Co-author "Taking the Rude out of Extrude"  
Clay Times Nov. 1996 "Jerry Caplan's Monumental Extrusion Workshop"  
Ceramics Monthly, Sept. 1997 " The Watershed Experience"  
Colorado Department of Transportation, The New I-25 Freeway

***REFERENCES***

Don Saling, City Manager for Pueblo West, Colorado 547-2000  
Deborah Espinoza, Director of the El Pueblo Museum, Pueblo, Colorado 583-0453  
Jim Munch, Assistant City Manager for the city of Pueblo, Pueblo, Colorado 543-6006

The contract  
pertaining to this  
agenda item is on file  
in the City Clerk's  
Office.