

Board of Park Commissioners Approval Form

Restoration and Cleaning of Various Monuments

Project: 2022079

Project Approval Request

Scope of Work:

This project will focus on the restoration of bronze features on the Aquaduct Club Monument at Orff Park, and the cleaning/waxing of the Anthony Wayne Monument at Freimann Square and the General Foster Monument at Swinney Park. Includes, but is not limited to: laser ablation of bronze plaques, reproduction, and installation of missing rosettes, washing of monuments, application of hot wax and buffing of bronze monuments, and all associated travel, documentation, and materials costs.

The project proposal was requested on August 12, 2022. Multiple quotes were not received, as we are requesting that the quoting process be waived.* Conservation of Sculpture & Objects Studio, Inc. presented its proposal on August 14, 2022. The proposal totals \$41,340.00. If it would please the board, I ask for approval of a contract in that amount with Conservation of Sculpture & Objects Studio, Inc. for the Restoration and Cleaning of Various Monuments.

*See the attached proposal and quote waiver request

Board Approval:

At this time I would like to request approval for a contract with Conservation of Sculpture & Objects Studio, Inc. at a total cost of \$41,340.00; this contract will be paid using Capital Improvement Project funds.

The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation and the Board of Park Commissioners met to host their regularly scheduled monthly Board meeting on **October 13, 2022**, to approve the above-referenced contract, in the amount of **\$41,340.00**.

We, the Board of Park Commissioners, on the date stated do ATTEST, sign to the above-referenced and attached documents, and approve as presented.

William Zielke, President

Justin Shurley, Vice President

Cory Miller, Commissioner

Richard Briley, Commissioner

Steve McDaniel, Director/Board Secretary

August 29, 2022

Mr. Steve Gillette
Director of Purchasing
City of Fort Wayne

Mr. Gillette,

Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department respectfully requests that the quote process for the restoration and cleaning of various monuments be waived. The process for restoration and cleaning of these monuments is specialized and requires a high degree of skill; few individuals possess the abilities and expertise necessary to complete the project.

The proposed contractor, *Conservation of Sculpture & Objects Studio, Inc.*, possesses these abilities. They have specific experience with similar sculpture restorations in public places, and are recommended as possessing the acumen needed to do the work. They have also successfully completed the restoration of four monuments in Fort Wayne over the past few years: General Anthony Wayne at Freimann Square, Colonel Foster at Swinney Park, the Philippine Gun Mount Cannon at Lawton Park, and the Olen J. Pond Memorial at Memorial Park.

It is with consideration given to their portfolio of work and recommendations that we request that the quote process be waived for this project.

Thank you,



Chad Shaw
Superintended of Parks Planning, Landscape and Horticulture
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Condition Reports and Treatment Proposals

Title: **Aqueduct Club Monument (Lets Go Swimmin)**
Location: 900 West Main and Thieme Dr. Fort Wayne
Artist: Unknown
Material: Limestone, granite, concrete, and bronze
Date: July 16, 1927
Examined: December 2021
Dimensions: W: 99", D:59", H:173"
Revised: August 8, 2022

Description and condition

The monument is composed of 4 materials: limestone sculpture representing two walking boys and limestone pedestal that is set on granite supporting blocks, concrete foundation, and two bronze plaques.

The monument shows typical deterioration of the limestone for its age. Some shifting of granite base was also observed. The bronze plaques are patinated unevenly and are missing 7 out of 8 rosettes.

Problems identified during examination:

1. Very thick organic growth is covering the almost entire surface of the stone. A thicker concentration of lichen and moss was found at the top portion of the stone.
2. Dark green staining was found on the stone under the plaques.
3. The surface of the stone is covered with dirt and bronze corrosion products.
4. All stone joints have severely deteriorated with almost completely missing pointing material.
5. The granite stones at the proper left side of the base are misaligned by approximately 1 to 2 inches.

6. At the back of the stone base a stone loss was found that is approximately ½' deep and 2" x 6".
7. Seven rosettes are missing from the plaques,
8. Two blind cracks were found in the stone and very dark staining of the stone caused by absorption of copper corrosion products by the stone was found on the proper bottom left side of the monument.
9. The plaques are patinated unevenly. The letters are patinated with the same color as the background therefore the inscription is difficult to read.

PROPOSED TREATMENT – revised as requested

1. Erect a scaffolding or protective light barrier structure for ablation process.
2. Clean the surface of the plaques using a laser ablation process.
3. Reproduce and install all of the missing rosettes.

COST ESTIMATE

Bronze treatment	- \$12,920.00
Rosettes	- \$ 3,120.00
Hotel, travel, food	- \$ 7,500.00
Documentation & Materials	<u>- \$ 2,500.00</u>
Total Cost	- \$26,040.00

Title: **Colonel David N. Foster Monument**
 Location: East Swinney Park, West Washington Rd entrance
 Artist: Frederic C. Hibbard
 Material: Bronze and granite
 Date: May 14, 1922
 Examined: 2014, August
 Dimensions: Bronze H 119", D: 31", W: 42" Stone base H: 126", W: 93", D: 79"

Condition

The surface of the sculpture is dirty and the wax coating is deteriorated and.in need of maintenance.

Proposed treatment:

1. Wash the monument
2. Hot wax the surface of the bronze sculpture and plaque.
3. Buff the surface.

Proposed cost:

Labor: \$5,600.00

Scaffolding: to be provided by the owner.

Perdiem, hotel, fuel: 1,600.00

Total cost: \$7,200.00

Title: **General Anthony Wayne**
Location: Fort Wayne
Artist: George E. Ganiere
Foundry: American Art Bronze, Chicago IL
Date: July 4, 1918
Sculpture: Bronze on concrete base
Examined by Andrzej Dajnowski on June 13, 2013

Condition

The surface of the sculpture is dirty and the wax coating is deteriorated and.in need of maintenance.

Proposed treatment:

1. Wash the monument.
2. Apply hot wax to the entire surface of the bronze.
3. Buff the surface of the sculpture.

Proposed cost:

Labor: \$6,500.00

Perdiem and hotel fuel: \$1,600.00

Total proposed cost: \$8,100.00"

We assume that scaffolding or lift will be provided to us for treatment of the G. Wayne Monument.

I would like to ask for a 50% down payment of the total \$41,340.00 projects cost. It is late in the season to schedule this much work at the moment. We might be able to start working on the reproducing the rosettes and perhaps treat one or two monuments. Please allow us to complete all of the proposed work by the end of the 2023 season. I assume that we will not have another COVID shot down. Unfortunately, we all are experiencing very large inflation rate. Please have in your budget possibility of increasing the cost by 10% in the next year.

Approved by: _____

Printed name: _____

Date: _____