

Item A-10

District Six Neighborhood Olympic Legacy Project

After the 2002 Olympics, Salt Lake City was repaid by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC) \$6.2 million (for the sales tax that had been used to help build Olympic facilities and rent for the use of the Salt Lake Sports Complex). This one-time money (not to be repeated in following years) is being used for a variety of citywide projects—the largest portion--\$3.4 million—is for the new green-space at Library Square, east of the new Main Library. Other uses include an \$800,000 contribution to the City's Housing Trust Fund, and over \$1 million for infrastructure improvements throughout the City. A portion of this money, \$700,000, was allocated for Olympic Legacy Projects located throughout the City. To ensure that projects are sited in various parts of the City, \$100,000 has been budgeted for each of the seven city council districts. Projects must be public in nature, sited on city-owned property, and supported by the community. Each project must be approved by a vote of the City Council.

The following project is proposed for Council District Six:

- An original work of art--a sculpture of a "Child of Light"--will be commissioned to represent and honor all of the Olympic and Paralympic volunteers.
- The sculpture will be located on the north side of the Anderson Foothill Branch of the Salt Lake City Library, near the intersection of 2100 East and Foothill Boulevard.
- The Salt Lake City Arts Council will conduct a competition to select the artist and the piece, and oversee the commissioning and placement of this art.
- The Salt Lake City Library will provide upkeep and maintenance.
- If funding permits, small replicas of the sculpture will be made and placed in area elementary schools.

Of all the Olympic Legacies so far completed or contemplated, there is no representation of the "Child of Light" which was an important symbol of the Salt Lake City Games, representing the youth of the world and hope for the future. In hosting the best games ever, everyone agrees that the volunteers--whether cast members in the Opening or Closing Ceremonies, or others who performed a myriad of tasks--were a key element of its success. Without the thousands of volunteers the Olympics would not have been a success. This sculpture will provide a fitting tribute to these volunteers, and a reminder to our entire city of the idealism of youth that is the best of the Olympic spirit.

The Foothill Branch of the Library is the most visited City property in District Six. It has long held the distinction as the busiest branch of the City Library. Locating the sculpture at this intersection will provide maximum visibility and access to the public. Sidewalks, making pedestrian access easy, surround the area where it will be located. If approved by the City Council, this project can be commissioned this spring and installed this fall.

Your feedback and support for this project are welcome. Please send comments to:

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