



# MEMORANDUM

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TO: Appleton Public Arts Committee (APAC)  
Parks and Recreation Committee

FROM: Jessica Titel, Principal Planner

DATE: August 19, 2021

RE: Stairway to the Stars – Extended Lease Agreement

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Staff has received a request from Sculpture Valley for an extended 10-year lease for the continued placement of the “Stairway to the Stars” sculpture in Pierce Park. Because this sculpture was in place prior to the creation of the Art in Public Places Policy and the Appleton Public Arts Committee, it is exempt from the formal application process. However, given the duration of the lease extension and since the initial agreement for this sculpture has expired, a new Public Art Agreement is needed to formalize the terms of the lease agreement, maintenance obligations and the like.

This request will be reviewed by the Appleton Public Arts Committee and Parks and Recreation Committee at their meetings on August 23, 2021. It will then be presented to the Common Council on September 1, 2021.

Staff is requesting review and approval of the 10 year lease extension, per the attached request from Sculpture Valley, and subject to the execution of a Public Art Agreement.



## ACRE *of* ART

July 19, 2021

Extension of Public Art lease placement of *Stairway to the Stars* in Pierce Park.

Dear Appleton Arts Commission,

*Stairway to the Stars*, selected as an **ACREofART** 2018-2020 public artwork, was approved for 2-year temporary lease placement by the Parks and Rec. Dept. of the City of Appleton at the divergence of the pavilion parking lot and playground parking areas in Pierce Park. At the time of approval, the Art in Public Places Policy did not yet exist.

The **ACREofART** 2018-2020 exhibition lease expired on July 19, 2020.

Initially sponsored by the Seifert Family Trust through the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley, *Stairway to the Stars* was subsequently purchased, by the same, prior to the end of the lease period with the intent that it become part of the growing collection of long term **ACREofART** installations in Appleton. It was the hope of the Seifert family that the work remain in the same location for an extended period of time.

Upon purchase, Sculpture Valley received approval to extend temporary placement by one year in the same location. This approved extension has also now expired.

Sculpture Valley is requesting an extension of this original agreement with the City to allow *Stairway to the Stars* to remain in its current location for another 10 years and recommends pouring a larger semi-permanent concrete foundation to accommodate the work. Engineering documents are attached.

Sincerely,

Alex Schultz  
Executive Director  
Sculpture Valley

Sculpture Valley, Inc 501(3)c non-profit EIN: 45-2690499





**ACRE** *of* **ART**



Location of *Stairway to the Stars* in Pierce Park



*Stairway to the Stars* current aspect in Pierce Park



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## Submission #1 - *Stairway to the Stars*

10'h x 3'w x 5'd 350 lbs  
stainless steel

This sculpture is based on the old shop-class project known as "Stairway to the Stars". The small constructions have a silhouette of a crescent moon with stairs along the inner surface. We have a collection of these beautiful small sculptures from flea markets and thrift shops. This image also is often found in visual material from the early 20th century such as sheet music and advertising. We thought about how to translate this vintage form into contemporary sculptural language, so our sculpture is made of brushed stainless steel. Against a green or urban backdrop, we hope it will create a focal point with its play of light and shade, warm and cool, and sense of mystery.

We are committed to the idea of artist as citizen and believe in the transformative potential of artwork in the community. Our work is characterized by a strong profile, a sense of humor, and excellent craftsmanship. We are particularly interested in projects where there is an opportunity to integrate our sculptural work with the site; our goal is to create artwork that engages its audience in a lively and intelligent manner and contributes to a dynamic, memorable public space. We believe that artwork can visualize and interpret the character of a place in a way that nothing else can, creating a space for imagination and possibility.

SPONSOR(S): [Seifert Family Trust](#)

SITE / HOST: [Pierce Park](#)



## GENERAL

1. ALL MATERIALS, WORKMANSHIP AND DETAILS SHALL CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE 2015 IBC
2. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH ALL PROJECT DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY THE LOCATION AND DIMENSIONS OF CHASES, INSERTS, OPENINGS, SLEEVES, REGLETS, DEPRESSIONS AND OTHER PROJECT REQUIREMENTS NOT SHOWN ON THE STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS.
3. OPENINGS SHOWN ON THE STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS SHALL NOT BE REVISED WITHOUT WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM THE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER.
4. **CONTRACTOR SHALL FIELD VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS, ELEVATIONS AND CONDITIONS AND NOTIFY PROJECT MANAGER AND ENGINEER OF ANY DISCREPANCIES.**
5. THE TYPICAL DETAILS SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO ALL PARTS OF THE CONTRACT DRAWINGS UNLESS SPECIFICALLY NOTED OTHERWISE.
6. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR JOB SAFETY DURING CONSTRUCTION.

## DESIGN LOADS

1. WIND LOAD  
BASIC WIND SPEED (V): 115 MPH (ASCE 7-10)  
WIND EXPOSURE CATEGORY: C

## CONCRETE

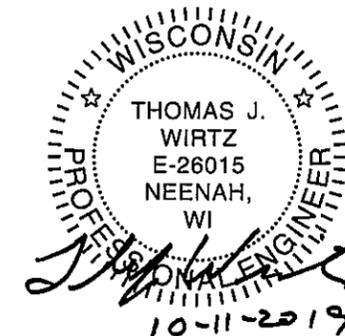
1. CONCRETE WORK SHALL CONFORM TO THE LATEST EDITION OF THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS.  
  
ACI 301 - "SPECIFICATIONS FOR STRUCTURAL CONCRETE"  
ACI MCP - "MANUAL OF CONCRETE PRACTICE"  
ACI 318 - "BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR REINFORCED CONCRETE"  
ACI 318.1 - "BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR STRUCTURAL PLAIN CONCRETE"
2. CONCRETE SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM 28-DAY ULTIMATE COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH AS FOLLOWS:  
SLABS-ON-GRADE - 4000 PSI
3. CONCRETE MIX DESIGN (INCLUDING AGGREGATE SIZE, WATER/CEMENT RATIO, AIR ENTRAINMENT, ADMIXTURES AND SLUMP) SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF ANY WORK.
4. CONCRETE STRENGTH SHALL BE EVALUATED ACCORDING TO METHOD 1 OR METHOD 2 AS DESCRIBED IN ACI 301.
5. PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF 6" COMPACTED GRANULAR FILL UNDER ALL SLABS-ON-GRADE.
6. GROUT USED TO SET PLATES SHALL BE NON-SHRINK AND NON-METALLIC.
11. CONCRETE EXPOSED TO THE WEATHER SHALL HAVE AIR-ENTRAINING ADMIXTURE AS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE 4-6% AIR ENTRAINMENT.
12. FLATWORK CONTRACTOR SHALL SUBMIT FLOOR SLAB PLACEMENT SEQUENCE TO ENGINEER FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO BEGINNING WORK.

## FOUNDATIONS

1. ALLOWABLE SOIL BEARING CAPACITY: 2000 PSF
2. FOUNDATION WORK FOR THIS PROJECT SHALL CONSIST OF SLABS-ON-GRADE.
3. ALL FOUNDATIONS SHALL BE SUPPORTED ON APPROVED EXISTING SUBGRADE OR APPROVED COMPACTED STRUCTURAL FILL.
4. THE ENGINEER ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE VALIDITY OF THE SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS DESCRIBED IN THE DRAWINGS, SPECIFICATIONS, TEST BORINGS OR GEOTECHNICAL REPORTS. THESE DATA ARE INCLUDED TO ASSIST THE CONTRACTOR DURING BIDDING AND SUBSEQUENT CONSTRUCTION AND TO REPRESENT CONDITIONS ONLY AT SPECIFIC LOCATIONS AT THE PARTICULAR TIME OBSERVATIONS WERE MADE.
6. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE TEMPORARY SUPPORTS AS REQUIRED TO PREVENT HORIZONTAL MOVEMENT OR VERTICAL SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL ENDANGER ADJACENT STRUCTURES, STREETS OR UTILITIES.
7. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE CONTROL OF SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE WATER PROMPTLY TO INSURE THAT ALL FOUNDATION WORK IS DONE IN THE DRY.
8. NO FOUNDATION(S) SHALL BE PLACED ON FROZEN SUBGRADE.
9. PROTECT SLABS-ON-GRADE FROM FROST PENETRATION UNTIL THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE.

## REINFORCING

1. DETAILING, FABRICATION AND ERECTION OF REINFORCING STEEL SHALL CONFORM TO THE FOLLOWING:  
  
ACI 315 - "DETAILS AND DETAILING OF CONCRETE REINFORCEMENT"  
ACI 318 - "BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR REINFORCED CONCRETE"  
MSP2 - "CRSI MANUAL OF STANDARD PRACTICE"  
AWS D1.4 - "STRUCTURAL WELDING CODE - REINFORCING STEEL"  
WRI - "WELDED WIRE FABRIC MANUAL OF STANDARD PRACTICE"
2. STEEL REINFORCING BARS SHALL CONFORM TO ASTM A615 (GRADE 60), DEFORMED. WELDED WIRE FABRIC SHALL CONFORM TO ASTM A185.



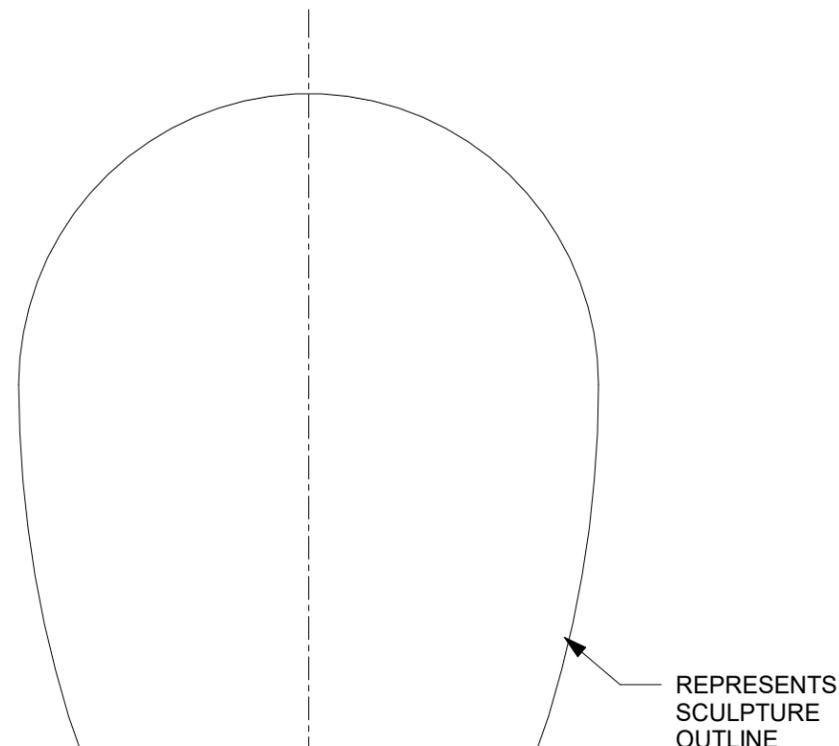
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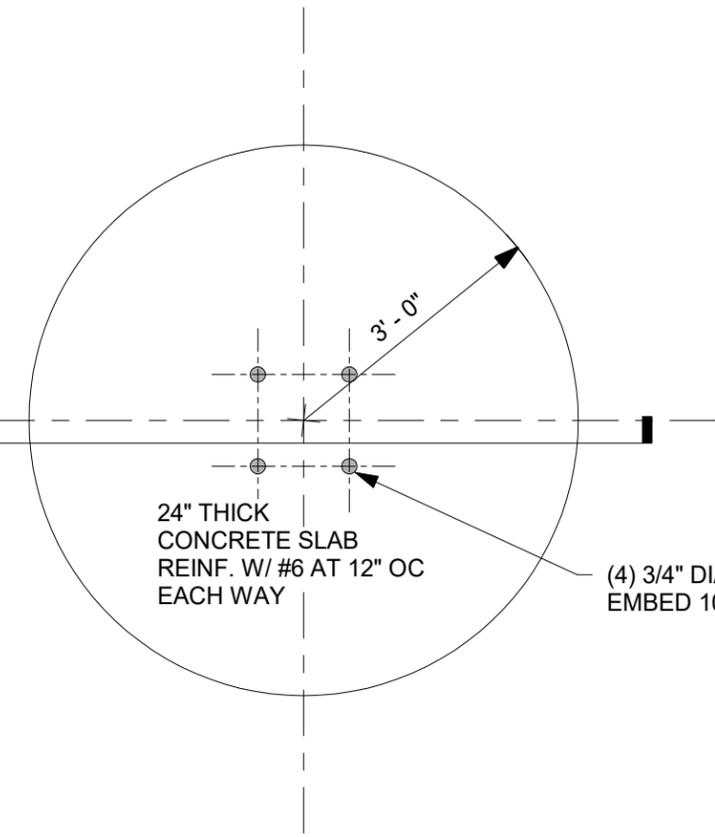
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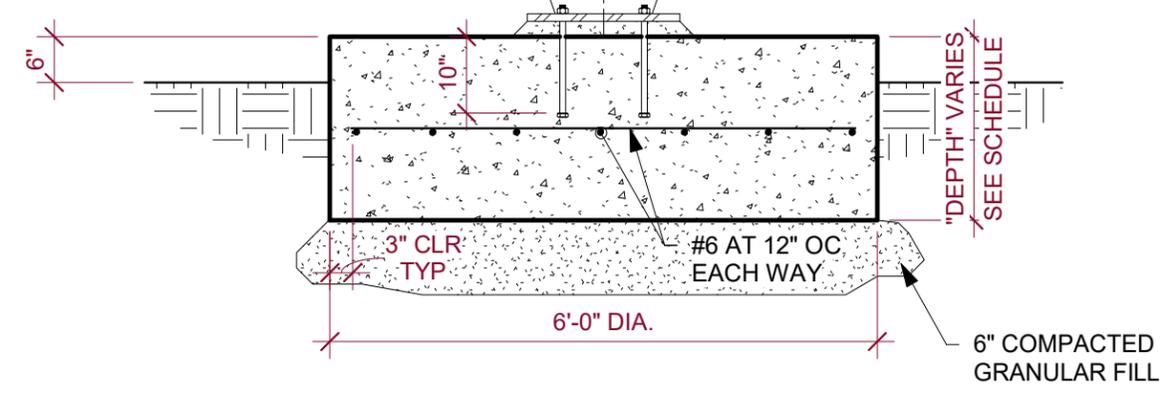


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TYPICAL FOUNDATION PLAN (3 THUS)  
SCALE 1/2" = 1'-0"



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SECTION  
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FOUNDATION PLAN SCHEDULE	
STATUE NAME	FDN DEPTH
STAIRWAY TO THE STARS	24"

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