



CITY OF APPLETON

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 13, 2026
To: Tom Flick, Director of Parks and Recreation
From: Stephanie Lynaugh, Economic Development Specialist
Subject: Kinetic Wind Sculptures Installation in Ellen Kort Peace Park

The Appleton Public Arts Committee met on July 13, 2026 and recommended approval of the proposal from Creative Downtown Appleton Inc. and Sculpture Valley to install kinetic wind sculptures in Ellen Kort Peace Park as described in the attached documents.

Per the Art in Public Places Policy, the recommendation from the Appleton Public Arts Committee is forwarded to the committee of jurisdiction, in this case, the Parks and Recreation Committee. Please place this item on the agenda for the next Parks and Rec Committee agenda.

The staff memo prepared for the Public Arts Committee is attached as reference.



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From: Steph Lynaugh, Economic Development Specialist
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Owner: City of Appleton

Applicant: Creative Downtown Appleton Inc. & Sculpture Valley

Address/Parcel Number: Ellen Kort Peace Park, parcels #31-3-1483-00, #31-3-1484-00, #31-2-0786-01 & #31-2-0785-00

Request: The Public Arts Committee should review the proposed kinetic wind sculptures.

PROJECT DETAILS

Sculpture Valley, through Creative Downtown Appleton Inc., is requesting permission to install five wind sculptures that were formerly in front of the City Center Plaza within Ellen Kort Peace Park.

The sculptures will be repaired, restored, and installed by Boldt Construction. Additional information on the kinetic wind sculpture project is included in the agenda packet.

Appleton Public Arts Committee Action:

Staff reviewed the proposal, consulted with appropriate departments, and found no objections to the submitted application. However, it is the Public Arts Committee's role to evaluate the aesthetics of the proposal. Based upon the guidelines outlined in the Art in Public Places Policy, the Public Arts Committee is responsible for reviewing the proposal and making their recommendation to the committee of jurisdiction (Parks and Recreation Committee in this case). The Public Arts Committee may recommend the proposal be approved, conditionally approved, or denied.

Kinetic Sculptures in Ellen Korth Peace Park

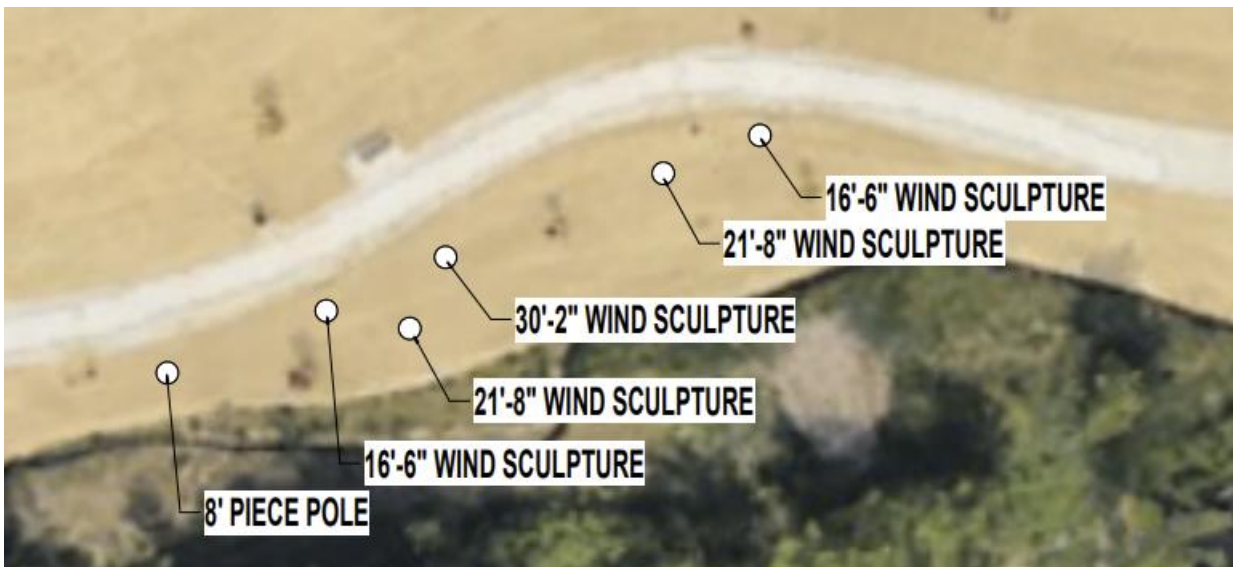
- Brief description of the proposed artwork

We are proposing to reinstall the 5 single and Double helix sleek design copper kinetic wind sculptures that were previously installing in front of the City Center Plaza on College Ave for many years. The sculptures have three different heights 16.5ft, 21ft 8" and 30ft 2 ". These 5 sculptures would be repaired, restored and proposed to be reinstalled by Boldt on new poles in Ellen Kort Peace Park.

- Photos/sketches of proposed work:



- Site plan/location map showing location of proposed work – more images in attached document from Boldt.



- Reason for choosing the proposed location:

The sculptures were removed from College Ave with the renovation of Fox Commons. They were gifted to Sculpture Valley through Creative Downtown Appleton Inc. We looked for a location that would encourage a passersby to take in the movement of these beautiful pieces. Ellen Kort Peace Park along the trail seemed to be

the perfect fit. By adding elements of public art to Ellen Kort, we encourage residents and visitors to connect with our beloved Fox River. Additionally, it is understood that the trail through Ellen Kort Peace Park is currently underutilized but has great potential to connect Downtown Appleton through Jones Park to the commercial node of businesses west of the Peace Park along the Fox River.

Tom Flick, Director of Parks and Recreation has been part of the installation research and discussion.

- Description of how the work is installed/anchored/attached

Attached please find Boldt installation plans

Excavations for concrete foundations. Install concrete foundations per Boldt Design Plans for: Install (5) metal pole bases for wind sculptures. Backfill after foundations have been stripped.

- Installation specifications provided by a structural engineer

Attached please find Boldt installation plans

- Timeline and duration of installation

Permanent installation is requested.

An installation date has not yet been determined. All permits and approvals would be completed prior to installation. Coordination with the Parks and Recreation Department and Boldt would be required.

- How the artwork will be maintained (including any costs associated with the maintenance and who will be responsible for those costs)

The design is largely maintenance free. Occasional spray cleaning may be required if bird droppings don't wash away on their own. Maintenance would be requested by the Appleton Parks and Recreation Department.

- Description of any associated signage

We would like to include a sponsor recognition plaque on each pole 6"x8" plastic or brass plate attached to the poles with Stainless steel straps used to mount signs to poles – image

Example image

Sponsored by Principal Financial logo

Smaller: Supported by Sculpture Valley logo, Boldt logo, and Creative Downtown Appleton

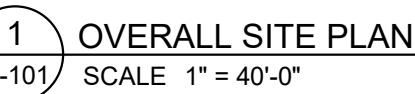


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