Sculpture Valley Thank you all for your positive comments. For those of you with divergent opinions, you should also feel welcome to share them here. This is about community dialogue and the collective arts experience. Keep the conversations going and please share this post with others who have options about this work, we want to hear from everyone:)

I Jessy Glaser What is the artist trying to express through this sculpture? I live very close to this artwork and there's been a lot of discussion about it.

Sculpture Valley Jessy Glaser so, first I'll share some info that was posted by Lee Snodgrass about the sponsors and who the artwork is honoring;

My dear friend Jeni Moore and her dad, retired Dr. Brian Moore sponsored this as a tribute to her mom who passed away afte...See More



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Lauren Gougeon Diedrich Who is the artist?

Sculpture Valley Lauren Gougeon Diedrich Paul Bobrowitz Jr.

Y Eric Stadler I love the sculpture at the west end of the College Avenue bridge! So cool. Nice work out there by you and your band of volunteers and sponsors.

Y Tinna R. Carper I love this sculpture. It sparked a conversation with my grandkids. Ages 3,7,10 and 13. Everyone had something to add. The most amazing thing is they all appreciated the piece.

Y Lisa Grosz I really love and appreciate this sculpture!

Y Shawn Van Deusen We loved this piece when we saw it the other day!!

Y John Nebel Worthy Work result ALEX?

I Adrienne Fuhrmann Is there a statement or story that goes with it?

Sculpture Valley Adrienne Fuhrmann and then I'll share some insight into the artists inspiration and how we, the ACRE jury, thought it would say about our community.

The artist described the work as an amalgamation of the many voices that spoke to him as he works to come up with ideas for sculpture. A collection of divergent thoughts distilled into something more defined.

Y Kristi Lyn Thank you so much for this awesome piece of art. My kids and I loved every inch of it. The minute we seen it we had to stop and have a close look!!! My oldest loves his nose while I thought the eyes were very curious!!!!!! Thanks again!!!!



Y Judy Gaines I look forward to seeing this as I drive across the bridge. I haven't been able to look long enough so will soon walk over. Thanks for the gift.

Y Brian Leone Tracy I drove past it this weekend and it surprised me and made me smile. Happy to see this one make a home in Appleton, for a few years at least.

I Kimberly Ann I noticed it this morning on the way to work! Looking forward to getting a closer look at it this weekend.

Y Adrianna Thank you for making this happen! I'm so excited to see it in person. My mom would have absolutely loved it.

Y Jim Denney Knowing the name helps a lot with some understanding of the meaning. It is a beautiful piece and I enjoy driving past it a number of times each day.

Y Jeni Moore It's magnificent! She would have absolutely loved this. Can't wait to see it in person! Thank you Sculpture Valley and Acre of Art!

Chelsea Jean Judy Cahee

I Samantha Patterson I will be honest, this creeped me out when i saw it. I understand it is art, it is also creepy seeing all those faces staring back at you. I can only imagine how long it took the artist to make it. I do enjoy learning the history behind it and will be sharing this with my family and friends. Thank you

Kristi Ross-Clausen That is positively ugly - how fun!

Y Jeni Moore Linda Moore would have loved this. She would have found a way to photograph it, make it into amulets and silkscreen it on gift bags. It would have been our family holiday card (sent in February) and must-see destination for out-of-town guests. This year would have been her 75th birthday and my parents 50th wedding anniversary. A magnificent tribute indeed. #sculpturevalley #acreofart

Y Laurie Kuplic Love it... yes she would

Y Patti Yugovich Beltz Beautiful

Y Trish Kuplic It is magnificent in person!

Abby SchmidtShelley Nulton Have you heard about this sculpture in Appleton? It was commissioned in honor of a local artist named Linda Moore. https://www.facebook.com/539622322790557/posts/2546947542058015?d=n&sfns=mo

I Nulton kind of strange?

Y Linda Moore Priestap I think it's cool. Colorful. Evoking discussion. Obviously honoring a very special woman. (Linda was the #1 or #2 name for girls that year I think.)

I have received a lot of contacts about this sculpture between College Avenue and Green Bay Road on the southeast corner of District 2. In response to these contacts, I have requested that the location of this sculpture be returned to committee for more discussion. On December 9th at 4:30pm, the Municipal Services Committee will consider revoking the current location of the statue. The committee meeting is open to the public and will allow public comment. The meeting will be in Council Chambers at City Hall, on the 6th floor of City Center off Appleton Street.

Y Kathy Flores Encourage public art!!! Not everyone will like it or agree about art, but it's already doing what art does.....making people think and now discuss. ð

Y Christoph Wahl I suppose the immediate neighborhood should have some say in what is done with common public space, but I'd urge the neighbors to keep this where it is and enjoy it.

I Ronna Jean Swift I would like to see it in a park where folks can read and find out what it represents. I found it confusing and distracting to drive by. I agree that music and art feed the soul and lead to discussion.

Y Jennifer L. Arndt That is a great spot for it!

Y Dottie LeClair I love it - it speaks to diversity.

Lee Snodgrass Jeni Moore

I Donna Gasbarro This is near a property that once belonged to my great grandfathers family. Is this artwork included in a walking tour? Lovely neighborhood.

I Donna Gasbarro I'd like to see it up close & in person. Haven't had the chance yet.

Y Karen Bruno What have the complaints been about? I think it's great to have more public art and hope it can stay where it is for the predetermined time.

Author

District 2 Alderperson in Appleton - Vered MeltzerSome say it scares their children. Complaints include that the installation generally feels invasive and disruptive in their neighbourhood; no one ever got their input or informed them of the committee approval process, it just appeared all of a sudden. One contact mentioned concern that it would lower their property value.

Y Becky Stahl I love public art and would encourage more of it. That being said, my first encounter with this sculpture was certainly a surprise. It is a giant head after all? But it's an interesting piece and we enjoy having art in this spot. I did initially worry that it may distract drivers from the pedestrian crossing however. I think it may just take a little time for the community to grow used to the piece.

District 2 Alderperson in Appleton - Vered MeltzerFrom a traffic engineering standpoint, attention-getting installations generally slow traffic down.

Y John Keller I think it looks awesome and should stay...can you lend some context to the referenced "contacts"

Author

District 2 Alderperson in Appleton - Vered Meltzer I've received emails, phone calls, and text messages. Some say it scares their children. Generally feels invasive and disruptive in their neighbourhood. No one ever got their input or informed them of the committee approval process, it just appeared all of a sudden. One contact mentioned concern that it would lower their property value.

Y Mary Hatch What a cool piece! Each of us is the dna from all of our ancestors, and each of our descendants share our dna. Our face and bodies are a family tree. It's lovely!

Y Karon Sandberg What a beautiful tribute to Linda, thank you Moore family!

Y Matt Troge What are the complaints? It's a cool art piece that breathes some uniqueness to Appleton and it's in a spot where folks can see as they enter downtown. Why waste time talking about moving it? Personally, I'm gonna reach out with complaints if gets moved so might as well just

leave it be.

Author

District 2 Alderperson in Appleton - Vered Meltzer I shared the input I've received in a couple other comments on this thread.

Y Emily Tseffos We live on the 800 block of College Ave and my two year old loves it! Hoping it will stay in our neighborhood?

Y Amy Karner King I've been enjoying this piece! I discover additional unexpected details the more I experience it. Appreciate the public art displays in our city and the hard work from those who make it reality.

I Julie Keller My daughter saw it as we were driving home last week and we are taking a walk this morning to get a closer look!

Y Dean Wolf Awesome piece of art, leave it where it is.

Y Emily Reetz I love this. Right where it is, in my neighborhood.

Y Mary Beth Pritzl Not sure why the location needs to be changed. This is in our neighborhood and we like it.

Y Marsha Dawson It's public art, enjoy it and encourage more.

Y Jennifer Schneider We love it!!!! We live on the 900 block of East Franklin.

Y R.c. Mac I love it. It's amazing. What kind of asshole would complain about this and for what reason?

Y Tru Em Now that is a cool piece of art

Y William Baxter Nothing like disrespecting an amazing piece of artistic work and talent because certain members of the community don't understand its message. How would you feel as an artist to have your work approved and then later removed due to local politics? If you didn't think the location

through in the first place that should be the fault of the community planners.... not the artist!

Author

District 2 Alderperson in Appleton - Vered Meltzer I can only speculate that the neighbours might have been more receptive and supportive of the installation if they had been informed of the proposal before the art was installed. In the future the city will notify adjacent property owners about proposa...See

Isabel Fevola



Y Isabel Fevola I think it's awesome Clever how they made them metals tanks and made it in to a face. I seen other face sculptures and adults and kids like them so why is this one any different 2

Y Tara Firkus Jordana and I go passed this twice a day on the way to 4k. She loves it. Calls it "the Big Man".

I Sandi England Rohde What's the main concerns?

Vered Meltzer People don't want it to be there. Some say it scares their children. Generally feels invasive and disruptive in their neighbourhood. No one ever got their input or informed them of the committee approval process, it just appeared all of a sudden. One contact mentioned concern that it would lower their property value.

Lee Snodgrass Vered Meltzer ?

Y Julie Haurykiewicz I saw it in person for the first time yesterday and think it is awesome!

Y Nora Johnston I love this sculpture! I was pleasantly surprised to see it when I came over the bridge. I find it curious, somewhat whimsical and oddly charming.

Y Nate Wolff I think it's really cool and is in a good spot.

Y Ann Gain For what is worth I live in this neighborhood and I really like it. And it's only there for 2 years if I understand correctly

Y Polly Snodgrass Put it in my yard!

Y Helen Kramer i'd love it in front of my house.

Y Matt Lederer My first reaction was basically, "What the heck is that scary thing?" Followed by a closer look. Then I drove by a few times and was intrigued. And now, the more I look at this sculpture, the more I like it.

I hope it isn't moved, but if it is, I hope it'll be somewhere with high visibility.

Y Matt Lederer Also, as the "owner operator" of 2 kids (aged almost 9 and almost 6), they are decidedly not scared by it. They like that "there are faces that make a face, and all the faces are funny and strange."

I Trisha Fischer Kostelny Coming off the bridge you have to be careful because you want to look at it, but need to keep your eyes on the road- especially with the curve.

Y Babette Doll I think it's really cool! I hope it does not get moved out of my neighborhood!!!

Y Emily Tseffos We live a block from the sculpture and love it? Manage

N Christina Marie Rappel Thank goodness! Unfortunately, art is not always beautiful. That said, the city should try to focus on beautification. This is rather an eyesore.

John De Bruin https://www.prageru.com/video/why-is-modern-art-so-bad/ Manage

Y Julie Keller My daughter saw it as we were driving home last week and we are going to walk this morning to get a closer look as she thought it was "super cool". So that's the feedback from a 16 year old!

Y John Nebel Grt PC of Art ? Art serves all as inviting human response to biggest tent in each viewer/participant ?

Matt Troge

Y This is so quintessentially the mindset of a majority of Appleton. One tiny little change is

complained about because it's change and instead of being able to enjoy something like an art installation that brings some unique character to our community, now the local government has to take time to discuss where it could go and if they should move it. ? super frustrating

Sculpture Valley Thanks Matt Troge, we share your sentiments and are looking forward to a robust and lively discussion about public art and placement of it on the 9th. Art should stimulate discussion, I think this piece has?

Y Matt Troge It's a super interesting piece and while a tad strange, it made my wife and I really happy to see something pop up like that! I hope it stays

Y Chris Burns I am a fan of community art projects like this one. However, 100% confident that people will complain about anything if given a soapbox to voice their opinion. #NoTimeForNegativity

Brad Knapp

Y This first time I saw this sculpture I said outloud to everyone in the car (I was alone) "that thing is badass".

Y Terry Phelan I was coming across bridge about three weeks ago and saw this for first time. Needless to say I almost took the curb out in awe!

Y Michelle Eilers I love this installation. I hope it gets to stay in its current location.

N Jared Huber It's grotesque!!! ?

Y Mandy Holm Love it! I drive past it twice a day, and think that it adds unique character to that location. I hope it stays also.

Y Jeni Moore I can't be at this meeting can I be present via FaceTime?!?

Y Adrianna I would also like to be present via phone or facetime, if possible.

Concerned citizens have asked their district alderperson, Vered Meltzer, to introduce a reconsideration of the approved placement of The Collective, the 2019 Jury's Choice for ACREofART III at this Municipal Services meeting.

Whether you support the idea of relocation or are in favor of leaving it in place, it is important that we hear from the public, particularly from those residents who live in the neighborhood or in close proximity to it. We welcome all perspectives as it brings about a healthy discussion of the merits of our public art program and the boundaries it operates in.



MON, DEC 9 AT 4:30 PM

Vote to rescind approved placement of The Collective

Sculpture Valley From a Pirvate property-owner standpoint, a piece of public artwork at this location is introducing a significant feature into what have always been an open green space. Particularly for the few properties adjacent to the site, that space is ostensibly ... See More

Y Deb Forslund Sculpture Valley I see nothing wrong with the placement; as stated, it's a gateway into and out of the downtown area. And unless adjacent property owners, who consider this space an extension of their yards, are paying property taxes on this parcel, t...See More

Sculpture Valley This is a discussion about the appropriates of the location and we can see both sides of this unique public / private site. From a public standpoint, the location is a highly visible gateway sculpture opportunity which gets a significant amount of traffic into and out of the downtown. It's an ideal location, which is why an ACRE work has been placed there.

Y Rachel Pieper We love it! We look for it every time we pass off Er bridge.

Y Sara Duroy I admit the first time I saw it I jumped cuz it scared me but its cool... I always see something new in it... I like it and vote for it stays

Y Molly Trochta-Van Landghen Wait people are upset about the placement of this?

Y Cody Bob-Los Deisenroth Molly Trochta-Van Landghen Iol that's what I'm confused about

N Nikki Jackson That thing is so ugly!

Y Jennifer Feagans Thompson I love this..

N Ian Keberlein Def move that stupid thing

N J Robert Oliver YES !!!!

Y Rochelle Isaacson Max and I have named this piece "Schnozzle"