

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #169 (2007-2008)

January 14, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: SELECTION OF ARTWORK FOR BEGICH MIDDLE SCHOOL -
ONE PERCENT FOR ART

PERTINENT FACTS:

This memorandum is to inform the Superintendent and the members of the Anchorage School Board that an additional piece of artwork has been selected for the new Begich Middle School for commission and acquisition in accordance with AMC 7.40, Funds for Works of Art in Public Facilities.

Begich Middle School

Artist: Cliff Garten, Venice, CA
Location: Exterior plazas in landscaped areas on both entrances
Artwork Title: Raven Song
Description: Two bronze ravens perched on boughs approximately 5' high including words and phrases in different languages that are spoken at Begich Middle School.
Budget: \$140,000

Representing the Anchorage School District for Begich Middle School is Principal Jeanne Fischer, serving on the jury along with the architect of the project Angie Barr, Kumin Associates. Other members include Gretchen Sagan representing the Arts Advisory Commission; Esther Cox representing the Historical and Fine Arts Commission; and Allen Kemplen representing the Urban Design Commission. Also serving on the jury are artist Stephen Gray, a community member and professional artist; Peggy Robinson and Liz Sherwood, who serve as community members; and Carol Comeau as an ex-officio member. Chris Lynch serves as the Project Manager for the Anchorage School District.

An advertised public hearing occurred on Thursday, December 6 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm during another event and hundreds of community members were able to view the proposal. Also, the Fire Marshal and ASD Risk Manager have reviewed the proposed artwork and their comments will be included in the artist's contract. In accordance with the 1% for Art ordinance, the Commission may file an objection to this selection with the Public Art Committee by December 31, 2007 (or next meeting) based upon technical reasons of safety or maintenance.

If you have any comments or questions you would like the jury to consider contact Jocelyn Young, Curator of Public Art at 343-6473 the administer of the MOA's 1% for Art Program.

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