

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
SYSTEM WIDE ART ACQUISITION COMMITTEE
AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM: UH Downtown Academic Parking Deck Project Art Budget Allocation and art re-installation

SUMMARY: Approval is sought for allocating the UH Downtown Academic Parking Deck Project Art Budget to pay the expenses for re-installing an existing sculpture by Robert Bourdon.

UH Downtown is building an additional deck of parking in the Academic Building This new parking construction project has a total project budget of \$2,800,000. Of this the construction budget is \$2,256,400 generating an artwork budget of \$22,564.

For a different project SWAAC approved and UH Downtown previously commissioned a sculpture by Robert Bourdon. That commission was funded by renovation projects in the One Main Building and was located at the Main Street third floor main entrance.

When Metro undertook light rail construction for the Main Street Line the sculpture was moved to protect it. Unfortunately there were not funds to re-install the work after the light rail project concluded and it has been in storage since 2004.

Because the UH Downtown Academic Parking Deck Project generated a comparatively small art budget and because there is not a good site in or near the Parking Garage project for artwork it is proposed that the art funds generated by the Academic Parking Deck Project be utilized to re-installation the Robert Bourdon sculpture. It will be re-installed at the main third floor entrance to One Main, near its original location.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Information on existing Artwork

FISCAL NOTE: \$22,564

**RECOMMENDATION/
ACTION REQUESTED:** Art fund Allocation

COMPONENT: University of Houston- Downtown

Robert Bourdon, *Uluru*, 1990, carved and ebonized laminated Maple, steel bases



