

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

**ITEM:** UH Optometry Artwork Relocation

**DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:** NA

**SUMMARY:**

A new \$70M seven story Health Biomedical Building and satellite Utilities Plant is currently in design and will begin sitework in February 2011. This 167,000 GSF project will be adjacent and connected to the existing Optometry Building in the southwest corner of the campus. Construction and staging for this new building will take the entire existing site including the location of a major existing sculpture by Linda Howard. Because of this the metal sculpture must soon be relocated.

The sculpture requires a significant concrete base as a resting pad. Because of that it is proposed that the relocation site be a location that can either be the permanent home for the sculpture or the site for a newly commissioned artwork once the sculpture is relocated to a permanent home somewhere adjacent to the Optometry Building.

The proposed temporary site is near Wheeler Street west of the Quadrangle housing complex and east of Cullen Street. This location is between the new Metro Southeast Light Rail line and the proposed West Campus Dining Facility- a new \$7M 25,000 GSF facility opening in Fall 2012. This building will provide a student center for this portion of campus and include extensive windows and exterior plazas focusing on the adjacent park. Artwork in this location would be extremely visible from Wheeler, Cullen, the light rail and the Dining Facility.

This temporary relocation site would also provide a significant artwork in a quadrant of campus that has no public art. In addition this portion of campus will not have any public artwork unless it is provided through this project.

If desired the Howard sculpture could be relocated back to a site near the Optometry in late 2012.

**SUPPORTING**

**DOCUMENTATION:** Site plan and photos of artwork at existing site; Site plan and photos of artwork at proposed site

**FISCAL NOTE:**

**RECOMMENDATION/  
ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval

**COMPONENT:** University of Houston



**Linda Howard Sculpture – Existing Site Looking West**



**Linda Howard Sculpture – Existing Site Looking East**



**Linda Howard – Existing Base**



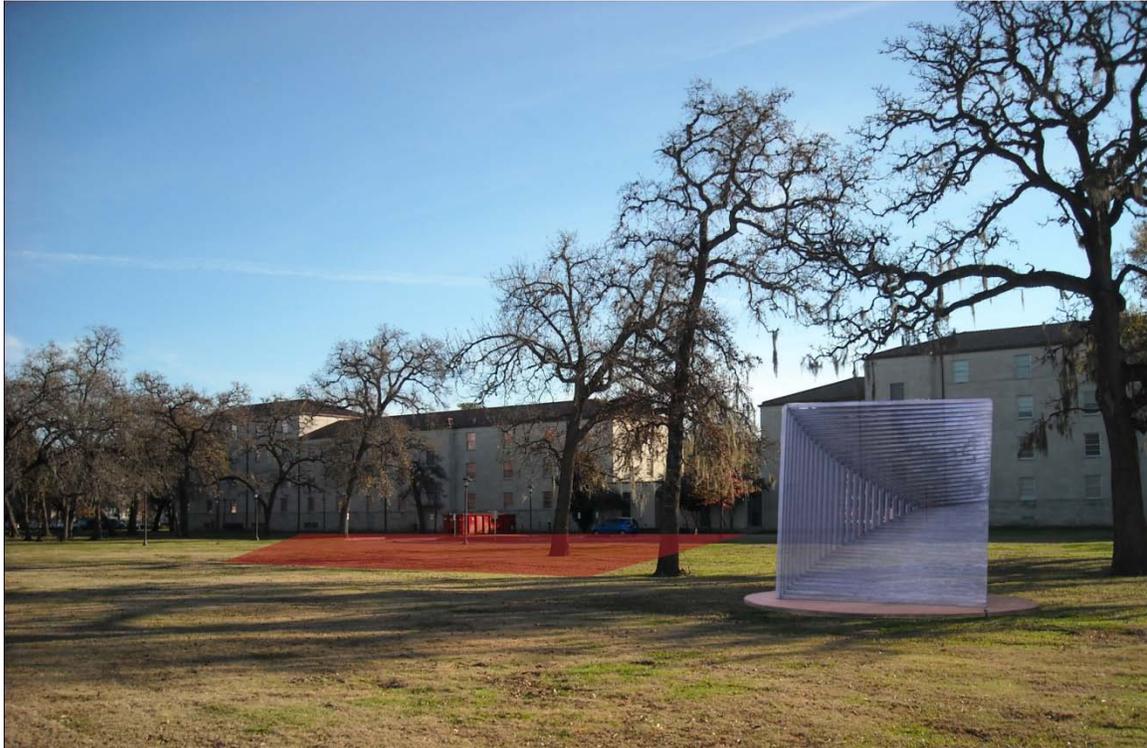
**Howard Sculpture – Existing Site Looking North**



**Howard Sculpture – Existing Site Looking South**



**Howard Sculpture – Existing Site Looking West**



**Howard Sculpture – Proposed Temporary Site by West Campus Dining Facility**



**Proposed West Campus Dining Facility Site Plan (Cullen and Wheeler)**



**UH Campus Map Showing West Campus Dining Precinct**