SANDY SPRINGS
GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor & City Council **DATE:** January 24, 2011

FROM: John McDonough, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Proposal for Children's Playable Art Grove

MEETING DATE: For Submission onto the February 1, 2011, City Council Work Session Meeting Agenda

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: (Attach additional pages if necessary)

See attached:

Proposal

APPROVAL BY CITY MANAGER: JM *APPROVED*

_____ *NOT APPROVED*

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: 2/1/2011

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL REQUIRED: ( ) *YES* (✓) *NO*

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL: _____

REMARKS:

SANDY SPRINGS CONSERVANCY
CREATING, CONSERVING AND CONNECTING PARKS AND GREENSPACE IN SANDY SPRINGS

PROPOSAL for

CHILDREN'S PLAYABLE ART GROVE

at Abernathy Park

With grant funding from Northside Hospital and encouragement of the Abernathy Greenway Committee, The Sandy Springs Conservancy wishes to create a children's playable art project and gift it to the City of Sandy Springs for installation in Abernathy Park.

The Sandy Springs Conservancy (SSC) and Arts Sandy Springs (ArtSS), non-profit 501(c) 3 community service organizations, have formed a joint venture to secure original, permanent, public sculptures for the park to be known as *The Playable Art Grove* at Abernathy Park. The purpose is to provide a unique community amenity which actively inspires play, engaging children to play with or on the sculptures, while also providing the City a feature that can be used as an example of inspired urban design and a public/private partnership.

A steering committee, with members from both organizations, is in place to guide the project from the Call for Entries to the final recommendation that will be presented to the City for installation in the park. The committee's role is to develop and issue a Call for Entries, oversee a juried review of submissions, and liaison with the Sandy Springs Recreation & Parks and Public Works departments, under the guidance of the City Council, for coordination with the Abernathy Park plans underway. Estimated time of completion of the project is Spring to Fall 2012.

The selection and jury process will involve legal, child safety, and art conservation experts, with final recommendations made by a jury of recognized art experts. Upon completion of the selection and jurying process, the final playable art selections will be presented to the City for acceptance in accordance with the City's Gift Policy.

In addition to the Steering Committee, which will provide the necessary direction and oversight, broader community support and engagement is desired. That will be achieved by working with the City and Northside Hospital on a public information program and through ongoing communication with the interested civic constituencies including the Abernathy Greenway Committee, public and private schools and the public at large.

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NORTH SIDE DESIGN

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ABERNATHY ROAD LINEAR GREENSPACE PARK

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