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**BACKGROUND:** Terry Allen was one of three finalists in the 2012 North Bank Park Public Art Project, a curated invitational process. Other finalists were Jun Kaneko and Lawrence Argent. Argent's submission, *Flowing Kiss*, was selected and will be installed at North Bank Park in late summer 2013.

Since the Panel presentations there's been an interest in pursuing installation of Allen's piece. This interest has been driven by both its whimsical and clever nature and the specific relationship between the sculptures and the Scioto River. The origin of the word "Scioto," is Native American and, depending on the tribe, could mean "deer" or "hairy deer." Deer in the region were drawn to the river for fresh drinking water and its salt outcroppings.

Allen's proposal is uniquely place-centered to the Scioto River. It features two hand sculpted, cast bronze, life-sized deer observing the river - a buck seated on a park bench and a doe lounging nearby in the grass. Their affectations and poses are relaxed, contemplative and welcoming. The sculptures will have broad appeal. And, because deer usually travel in herds, there are opportunities to site additional related sculptures within the Scioto Mile and at other locations along the river.

Although initially proposed for North Bank Park, the piece will be sited elsewhere within the Scioto Mile, most likely Genoa Park, which maintains the visual connection needed between the river and the deer.

This ordinance allocates a total of \$281,000.00 from the Miranova TIF - City Riverfront Vision Account, for fabrication, installation and artist fees to complete a permanent public artwork in the Scioto Mile/Genoa Park and to pay for three additional related public art concepts. The Director of the Department of Development will undertake these steps by a contract with individual artist/contractor Terry Allen (contract compliance #461644805, expires 5/24/2015) for \$281,000.00.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of \$281,000.00 from the Miranova TIF - City Riverfront Vision Account (Ordinance 1578-98), adopted by Columbus City Council on June 29, 1998.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a Design/Build Contract with Terry Allen for the fabrication, installation and artist fees to complete a permanent public artwork in the Scioto Mile/Genoa Park and to pay for three additional related public art concepts; to authorize the appropriation of \$281,000.00 from the Miranova TIF - City Riverfront Vision Account to the Department of Development; and to authorize the expenditure of \$281,000.00 from the Miranova TIF - City Riverfront Vision Account. (\$281,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** the Columbus Art Commission (CAC) was seated in 2007 and was asked to identify public art projects; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2011, the CAC initiated a curated invitational public art process for North Bank Park that included the formation of a curatorial team and an artist selection and design review panel; and

**WHEREAS,** on June 1, 2012 the Panel reviewed the design proposals and interviewed artists Argent, Kaneko and Allen and unanimously selected Lawrence Argent's proposal, but also held Allen and Kaneko's proposals in high regard; and

**WHEREAS**, the CAC accepted the Panel's recommendation by voting unanimously to approve the design and proposed placement of Argent's public art proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 30, 2012, Columbus City Council passed Ordinance 1505-2012, encumbering funds and authorizing the Director of Development to enter into a contract with Lawrence Argent for the artwork Flowing Kiss that will be installed in late summer 2013 in North Bank Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the CAC believes that artist Terry Allen's proposal, Scioto Lounge, is a clever, contemplative and welcoming original art proposal that is authentic to the Scioto River; and

**WHEREAS**, the CAC has requested project approval and funding from the Miranova TIF - City Riverfront Vision Account to commission the artwork Scioto Lounge for placement in the Scioto Mile/Genoa Park, along with three additional related public art concepts for Scioto River locations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Development desires to enter into a Design/Build Contract with artist Terry Allen; **NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**Section 1.** That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into a Design/Build Contract with Terry Allen (contract compliance #461644805, expires 5/24/2015) for a public art installation in the Scioto Mile/Genoa Park and completion of three additional related public art concepts for an amount not to exceed \$281,000.00.

**Section 2.** That from the unappropriated balance in the Miranova TIF Fund - City Riverfront Vision Account, Fund 406, and from any and all sources unallocated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ending in December 31, 2013, the sum of \$281,000.00 is hereby appropriated to the Development Department, Department 44-01, Project 440071-100000, OCA 440071, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336.

**Section 3.** That for the purposes stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$281,000.00 or so much as may be necessary, is hereby authorized from the Development Department, Department 44-01, Miranova TIF - Riverfront Vision Account, Fund 406, Project 440071-100000, OCA 440071, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336.

**Section 4.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**Section 5.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.