



STAFF REPORT

Date: May 27, 2014
To: City Council
From: Bryan Montgomery, City Manager

Approved and Forwarded to City Council:


Bryan H. Montgomery, City Manager

SUBJECT: Approval of You, Me, We = Oakley Monument/Artwork within the Downtown Plaza

Summary

During the most recent grant cycle, the You, Me, We = Oakley (YMWO) welcoming initiative received \$15,000 of grant funds for a monument type project that would memorialize and celebrate the YMWO effort.

A subcommittee of the YMWO Project Committee, that includes Vice-Mayor Hardcastle, Councilmember Burgis, OUESD Assistant Superintendent Maria Bordanaro, and myself, has discussed possible locations for the monument and recommended to the full Project Committee that it be placed in the Downtown Plaza. This concept was presented to you last year and the City Council consented to the location, pending a review of what the monument would actually look like.

A fun, heart-warming and exciting part of the project has been the submittals of artwork from elementary school students. The students were asked to prepare artwork depicting their thoughts and feelings of the ten welcoming principles of You, Me, We = Oakley. The following links take you to the artwork. Twenty-five to thirty pieces would be transferred onto outdoor ceramic tile to become part of the monument.

<https://www.box.com/s/migr6jq8w3e510yg6yng> - Kindergarten

<https://www.box.com/s/oy88k1afu0czy45hnoto> - 1st Grade

<https://www.box.com/s/26a3840z2zw9othc7jp7> - 2nd Grade

<https://www.box.com/s/q9w9zw6dii4w278usyrq> - 3rd Grade

<https://www.box.com/s/kcnu4p4k2kb6u5dr4p0t> - 4th grade

<https://www.box.com/s/o1qsp8bi2kww3waebcgm> - 5th Grade

The proposal is to include the student artwork around two bronze plaques. One plaque would provide an overview of the You, Me, We = Oakley program and the other would list the ten welcoming principles (on which the student artwork was based). As a centerpiece, a bronze sculpture of children holding hands on top of a globe (a combination of the attached sculptures – substituting the globe for the

wishing well) is proposed. This is the location where the Downtown architect had originally proposed a fire pit or sculpture.

With approval, we feel we can have the monument ready and installed for an unveiling at the 2nd Annual Heart of Oakley Festival to be held in September.

Fiscal Impact

Grant funds of \$15,000 are available for the monument.

Recommendation

Approve the proposed You, Me, We = Oakley monument/artwork to be installed within the Downtown Plaza.

Attachment

1. Proposed location for YMWO Monument/Artwork
2. Proposed verbiage for You, Me, We = Oakley Program Description (bronze plaque)
3. Proposed verbiage for Ten Welcoming Principles bronze plaque
4. Proposed Bronze sculpture "centerpiece" component

YOU ME WE Oakley!

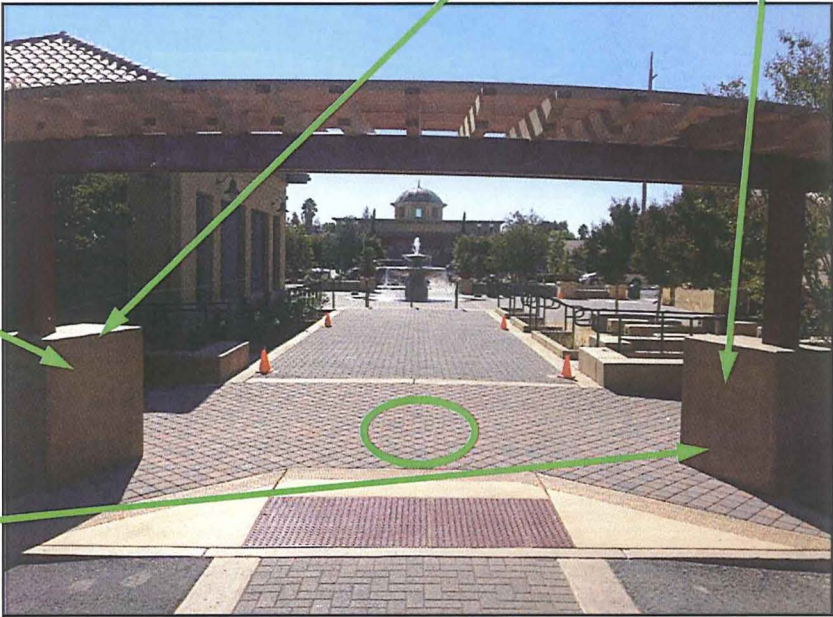


Looking North

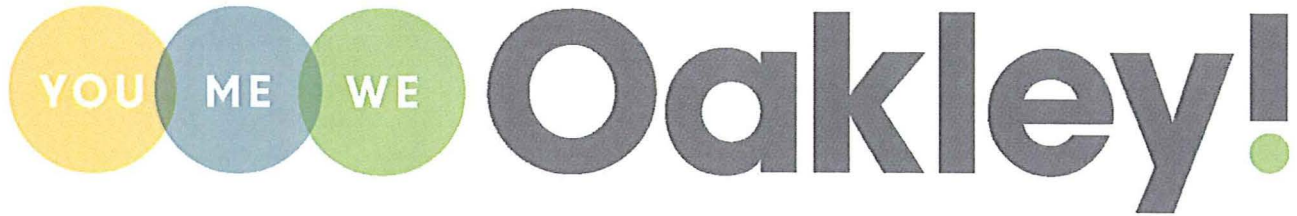
Possible bronze plaques with guiding principles

Sculpture location

Possible location for tiles of student artwork around the bronze plaques



Looking South



A grant-funded program initiated in 2011 to foster a greater spirit of mutual respect among all Oakley residents, to increase civic participation, to provide opportunities for our diverse residents to come together and better understand and appreciate each others' stories. Thus recognizing our common desire to build a stronger, safer, more vibrant and welcoming community.

Original Funders:

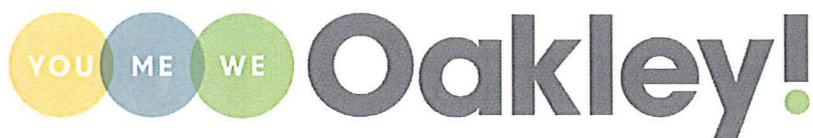


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WELCOMING PRINCIPLES

The student artwork in the Plaza represents various elementary students' thoughts regarding each of the ten welcoming principles of You, Me, We = Oakley! These students and thousands of other Oakley residents have formally taken a pledge to adhere to these principles:

- 1. I have a shared responsibility to treat ALL our neighbors with dignity and respect that they deserve as a member of our community.***
- 2. I reject the use of exclusionary or de-humanizing language; this includes recognizing and understanding how stereotypes harm our community.***
 - 1. I will challenge common myths and stereotypes that only serve to divide our community.***
 - 2. I will treat others the way I would like to be treated.***
 - 3. I will try to put myself in someone else's shoes in order to understand their point of view.***
 - 4. I will develop an understanding of cultures other than my own.***
 - 5. I will not judge, nor discriminate, others without first attempting to get to know them and their story.***
 - 6. I, as a member of the Oakley community, will acknowledge that everyone has unique qualities which contribute to our community and make this the beautiful City it is today.***
 - 7. I commit to ensuring that any community activities that I am involved in will be inclusive and inviting to all community members.***
 - 8. I will make sure to keep an open mind and an open heart in order to be open to accepting all who live, work, play or study in our City of Oakley.***

YOU ME WE **Oakley!**

Proposed Bronze Sculpture to be children holding hands around a globe – substituting a globe (similar to the second picture) for the wishing well (girl with book would not be included).

