



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: AUGUST 6, 2019

FROM: MUSEUM DEPARTMENT WARD(S): ALL

SUBJECT: ACCESSION OF TWO (2) 1929-1938 WATER GOBLET INTO MUSEUM OF RIVERSIDE'S PERMANENT COLLECTION

ISSUE:

Approve the accession of two (2) 1929-1938 water goblets into the Museum of Riverside's permanent collection.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve the accession of two (2) 1929-1938 water goblets into the Museum of Riverside's permanent collection.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

On May 8, 2019, the Metropolitan Museum Board (MMB), with seven (7) members present, voted unanimously to recommend that City Council approve the accession of two (2) 1929-1938 water goblets into the Museum of Riverside's permanent collection.

BACKGROUND:

The Riverside Museum Associates (RMA) wishes to donate two (2) water goblets in the Fostoria-Versailles pattern, acid-etched, transparent, colorless, plumed stem (Fostoria #5099), optic topaz bowl for accession into the Museum of Riverside's (Museum) permanent collection. The pattern was in production from 1929-1938.

The term "accession" refers to the procedure of formally accepting an object into a museum's permanent collection, after which it is cared for and interpreted according to the highest standards to ensure its sustained preservation and public availability. Museums may hold collections with other designations than "permanent" and for which different standards of care and use may apply.

In accordance with ethical standards governing the management, care, interpretation, and disposition of permanent collection objects, historic structures that are accessioned are not capitalized, and proceeds from their disposition after deaccession may be used only for acquisition and direct care of permanent collections.

At the March 13, 2019 meeting, the Museum Collections Committee recommended that the Metropolitan Museum Board accept this gift from the RMA and approve the accession of the 1929-1938 water goblets into the Museum’s permanent collection.

DISCUSSION:

The Museum proposes the accession of two (2) historic water goblets in order to ensure the completeness of the dining room exhibit at Heritage House. The water goblets match the set currently on exhibit in the Heritage House dining room. One (1) of the goblets is intended to replace a water goblet of the same pattern, which was broken in 2018. The second water goblet is intended as a backup, should any additional damage occur to the water goblets currently exhibited in the dining room. The second goblet would be stored in the Heritage House butler’s pantry and therefore presents no burden to the present storage capacity of the Museum.



Water Goblet 1



Water Goblet 2

The permanent collections associated with Heritage House have been selected with care over time to provide a thorough and regionally accurate impression of a grand Victorian-era home. Therefore, the Museum requests that City Council approve the accession of this pair of Fostoria water goblets into the Museum’s permanent collection.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Metropolitan Museum Board Minutes 5-8-2019