



City of Arts & Innovation

Metropolitan Museum Board

TO: METROPOLITAN MUSEUM BOARD **DATE: JULY 11, 2018**
FROM: COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: DEACCESSION OF SIX STAR SAPPHIRES, A1307-1 THROUGH A1307-6.

ISSUE:

Approve the deaccession of six star sapphires, A1307-1 through A1307-6.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Metropolitan Museum Board approve the deaccession of six star sapphires, A1307-1 through A1307-6.

BACKGROUND:

On May 9, 2018, the Collections Committee unanimously voted to deaccession six star sapphires, A1307-1 through A1307-6.

DISCUSSION:

In December 1986, the Museum Department received a donation of six star sapphires from Douglas Hansen.

The sapphires fit two deaccession criteria in the Museum's Collections Management Policy:

1. The object/specimen is outside of the scope of the Museum's mission and guidelines set by Riverside Municipal Code (Chapter 2.12), acquisition policy, or is irrelevant to the purposes of the Museum.
2. The object/specimen has doubtful potential utilization in the foreseeable future in the Museum's exhibition and public programs.

The sapphires are from Sri Lanka and do not fit with the mission of the Museum, nor are they within its scope of collecting. The Museum is not likely to exhibit them in the near future.

The Museum proposes to sell the sapphires to a yet unknown private party via public auction.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Museum anticipates that the sale might optimistically bring around \$1,000. In accordance with industry best practices and accreditation guidelines, proceeds from the sale of deaccessioned objects such as these will go to a restricted special fund 0000721-225252 for future acquisitions.

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Attachment: Images of the sapphires.