



City of Arts & Innovation

Metropolitan Museum Board

TO: METROPOLITAN MUSEUM BOARD **DATE: JULY 11, 2018**
FROM: COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: DEACCESSION OF A1674-1, EDMUND JAEGER'S 1969 JEEP WAGONEER

ISSUE:

Approve the deaccession of A1674-1, a 1969 Jeep Wagoneer originally owned by Edmund Jaeger.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Metropolitan Museum Board approve the deaccession of A1674-1, a 1969 Jeep Wagoneer originally owned by Edmund Jaeger.

BACKGROUND:

On May 9, 2018, the Collections Committee unanimously voted to deaccession A1674-1, a 1969 Jeep Wagoneer originally owned by Edmund Jaeger.

DISCUSSION:

In December 2004, the Museum Department took possession of a 1969 Jeep Wagoneer that originally belonged to noted biologist Edmund C. Jaeger through a donation from Bruce Trotter, Jaeger's former assistant. On October 10, 2006, the City Council formally accepted the Jeep into the Museum's collections. Since that date, the vehicle has sat idle under a car cover in the back of the Heritage House parking lot. Original plans to utilize it as a mobile exhibit and for nature programming never came to fruition.

The Jeep fits two of the criteria for deaccession within the Museum's Collections Management Policy:

1. The Museum is unable to properly preserve or store the object/specimen and to provide proper or adequate environment for their collections.
2. The object/specimen has doubtful potential utilization in the foreseeable future in the Museum's exhibition and public programs.

Museum staff has determined that it is unlikely the vehicle will be utilized for its original purpose or for exhibition in the near future. As such, the most ethical approach is for the Museum to

deaccession the Jeep from its collections.

Staff offered first right of refusal to purchase the vehicle to a number of relevant museums, including the Edmund Jaeger Museum at the University of La Verne, the Palm Springs Art Museum, the Living Desert Museum, and the Hi-Desert Museum. None of these institutions accepted the offer. Therefore, the Museum is proposing to sell the Jeep to an unknown private party via an advertisement in Hemmings Motor News. In accordance with museum field best practices, the proceeds from the sale will go to a special fund restricted for future Museum acquisitions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Museum anticipates the sale of the 1969 Jeep Wagoneer will net approximately \$4,500 in revenue. Based on industry best practices and accreditation guidelines, proceeds from the sale of this deaccessioned piece will be deposited into a special fund 00000721-225252 for future Museum acquisitions.

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Attachments:	Images of the Edmund Jaeger 1969 Jeep Wagoneer
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