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VICTORY PARK PUBLIC ART COMMUNITY MEETING TO PLAN FOR NEW PUBLIC ART

(Stockton, CA) – A community meeting with the Stockton Arts Commission and members of the Community Services Department will be held Wednesday, December 14, 2016, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., at The Haggin Museum in Victory Park, 1201 N. Pershing Avenue. The purpose of the meeting is gather ideas and impressions about the park and the type of public art the community would like to see in the park. There will be a presentation about the history of Victory Park and several potential themes for a new public art piece that was approved, in concept, earlier this year by the City Council.

Once a theme has been determined, a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) will be issued to select and recommend a qualified artist who can bring the theme to life through the artist's design concept. The Stockton Arts Commission will make a selection and a recommendation to the City Council. Once a design and artist have been approved by the City Council, the artist will fabricate and install the art.

"The purpose of public art, I believe, is that it helps people form a sense that the place they live is unique, that it reflects their community and gives them a sense of cohesion and pride," said Tom Bove, Chair of the Commission's Public Art subcommittee.

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Victory Park is one of the City’s oldest parks and is the most visited and well-used park in the City for recreation, exercise, family gatherings, and community events. In addition to The Haggin Museum, the – over 22 acres – park has several year-round features enjoyed by the community, including duck ponds, a rose garden, sports fields and courts, numerous picnic areas, children’s play equipment, and a walking path that is used by hundreds of residents each day.

“We are really looking forward to hearing from the community about what public art they would like to see in Victory Park,” said Community Development Director John Alita. “Public art is an experience that tells our story about who we are as a community. We hope that community members from throughout the city will join us during this planning and selection process, those who live in the Victory Park neighborhood and those who enjoy the park. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate.”

The Stockton Arts Commission serves as the arts advocacy commission for the City. The Commission is a catalyst to support and strengthen community awareness, opportunities, and involvement in arts and culture. As part of this role, the Commission oversees the process of recommendation, selection, and installation of public art throughout the community.

For additional information about the Stockton Arts Commission and this community meeting, please visit www.stocktonca.gov/arts, call (209) 937-8257, or e-mail arecia.yee@stocktonca.gov.

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