

From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to remove the Gordon Park sculpture due to its unsafe condition, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2002, Milwaukee County's (the County) Public Art Committee agreed to erect a piece of art at Gordon Park; and

WHEREAS, artist David Middlebrook's proposal titled "Tip" was selected by the panel; and

WHEREAS, "Tip" is made up of two separate sculptures, which together constitute a single art installation; and

WHEREAS, 16 years later, the basalt pillar portion of the sculpture now has structural flaws that have been deemed unsafe by the County's Facilities Condition Assessment team, as well as by Architecture and Engineering staff; and

WHEREAS, that portion of the sculpture currently sits in an unsafe condition, and is fenced off to keep the public safe from the potential danger should it fall; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture plans to remove the sculpture in its entirety, including the iceberg and anvil portion, as they could pose a failure danger in future, and because the two sculptures were erected as one piece of art; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of July 17, 2018, recommended adoption of File No. 18-494 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture to remove the entirety of the sculpture in Gordon Park, due to its unsafe condition.