

**City Council  
Agenda Memo**



**City Council  
Meeting Date: May 19, 2014**

**TO: Larry D. Gilley, City Manager**

**FROM: James W. Childers, Director of Community Services**

**SUBJECT: Approving acceptance of the donated: "Rise of the Guardian" sculptures in downtown Abilene.**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Six Rise of the Guardian commissioned sculptures: Man in the Moon, The Easter Bunny, Santa Claus, Jack Frost, Tooth Fairy, and The Sandman that are based on the novel "Rise of the Guardians" by William Joyce are being offered to the City of Abilene as a permanent addition to Abilene's Outdoor Sculpture Collection. The statues are located along a block long walk on North 1<sup>st</sup>, Cypress, North 2<sup>nd</sup> and Cedar Streets.

**FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT**

The Abilene Cultural Affairs Council has commissioned the sculptures. There are no cost considerations to the City other than approximately 20 hours of labor by Parks staff.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the City Council approve an oral resolution for the acceptance of the sculpture donations.

**BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

The Visual Arts Jury reviewed the donation request at the April 22, 2014 meeting, and recommends acceptance. The Parks and Recreation Board approved placement of the Toothfairy statue in Minter Park at the May 6, 2014 meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Letter from the Visual Arts Jury
- Picture of sculptures
- Map showing approximate placement of the sculptures

Prepared by:

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Title Director of Community Ser.

Item No. 6.2

Disposition by City Council

- Approved    Ord/Res# \_\_\_\_\_
- Denied        \_\_\_\_\_
- Other         \_\_\_\_\_

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City Secretary

# ABILENE

*Abilene Cultural Affairs Council*

April 10, 2014

Mr. Richard Rogers  
Parks & Recreation Dept.  
633 Walnut  
Abilene, Texas 79601

Dear Richard:

Please find attached images of the six "Rise of the Guardian Sculptures proposed for permanent placement downtown. We would like to seek approval from the Visual Arts Jury, and then the Parks Department, to work with the Parks Department to install them in the following locations:

Man in the Moon – on a pole we will provide at the corn, just to the west of the RR Depot parking lot, of N. 1<sup>st</sup> and Cedar  
Easter Bunny – On the lawn of Vletas Chocolates  
Santa Claus – on the sidewalk, mid-block in front of the National Center for Childrens Illustrated Literature  
Jack Frost – In front of the library on the corner of N. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Cedar  
Tooth Fairy – Minter Park on the corner of N. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Cypress  
The Sandman– In a flowerpot to be placed in the wider sidewalk area, in front of Texas Star Trading Company.

The Sandman is small, approximately 17" X 24 ", Santa is almost 8 ft. tall to the top of his staff, and the rest are approximately 4 feet tall.

Thank you for your continued support of our Storybook Sculpture Project, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Lynn Barnett  
Executive Director  
Abilene Cultural Affairs Council



Steve Neves  
Art Professor  
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**William Joyce and the Guardians of Childhood**  
**Phase 4 of the Storybook Sculpture Project**



**"Jack Frost"**  
***(Completed)***  
Based on William Joyce's  
"Rise of the Guardians"



**"Sanderson Mansnoozie"**  
**Sandman**  
***(Completed)***  
Based on William Joyce's  
"Rise of the Guardians"



**"Nicholas St. North"**  
**Santa Claus**  
***(Completed)***  
Based on William Joyce's  
"Rise of the Guardians"



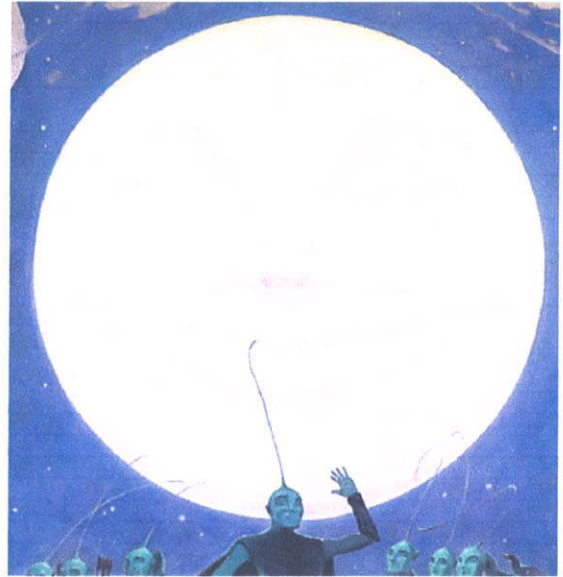
**"Toothiana"**  
**Toothfairy**  
***(In Progress)***  
Based on William Joyce's  
"Rise of the Guardians"



William Joyce and the Guardians of Childhood  
Phase 4 of the Storybook Sculpture Project



"E. Aster Bunnymund"  
Easter Bunny  
*(Anticipated)*  
Based on William Joyce's  
"Rise of the Guardians"



"Man in the Moon"  
*(Anticipated)*  
Based on William Joyce's  
"Rise of the Guardians"

# William Joyce and the Guardians of Childhood Statue Map



1. "Man in the Moon"
2. "Sanderson Mansnoozie" (Sandman)
3. "Toothiana" (Toothfairy)
4. "Jack Frost"
5. "Nicholas St. North" (Santa Claus)
6. "E. Aster Bunnymund" (Easter Bunny)

Points on the map indicate the general vicinity for placing the statues. All applicable regulations for placement of the statues will be followed.