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SCULPTURE AT DISCOVERY PARK TO BE DEDICATED
'Discovering the Stars' Sculpture to be recognized at Discovery Park Grand Opening

WHEAT RIDGE, CO – as part of the Saturday October 9, 2010 grand opening ceremonies of Discovery Park, a sculpture by a local artist Kevin Robb will be dedicated by Mayor Jerry DiTullio. For over two years the Mayor's office, in partnership with the Wheat Ridge Cultural Commission and the Wheat Ridge Foundation, has been fundraising to bring the 17-foot stainless steel sculpture, *Discovering the Stars*, by Kevin Robb to Discovery Park. Through donations and the work of private citizens, including longtime resident and public art supporter Tom Abbott, the Mayor's Art Initiative was able to bring this unique piece of art to the new neighborhood park.

Major donations include: \$5,000 from Steve Huppert, General Manager of Corrugated Packaging for Temple-Inland of Wheat Ridge and Samuel, Son & Co., Inc., a local stainless steel supplier, which made an in-kind donation of steel valued at \$10,000 for the project. Additional funding has been collected through private donations and has totaled \$19,445 to date. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$50,000 and approximately \$20,555 more is needed in donations. Mayor Jerry DiTullio noted, "I encourage you to make a difference in your community by supporting this important program. Public art enhances the quality of life in our City and the community at-large, this sculpture will be a great addition to Discovery Park by complimenting the overall park development and aesthetics."

Long time resident and art supporter Tom Abbott noted, "It is important to bring good public art to Wheat Ridge because it brings excitement and enthusiasm to the community." Mr. Abbot also said, "Art acts as a landmark and provides character to neighborhoods".

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Diane Robb speaking on the behalf of her husband Kevin Robb said, “We are definitely excited and honored to have ‘Discovering The Stars’ as part of this beautiful new park here in Wheat Ridge. We hope this sculpture provides years of enjoyment for the wonderful citizens of Wheat Ridge as well as the many travelers passing by the park.”

The sculpture dedication will be part of the grand opening ceremonies which include a ribbon cutting, refreshments, and live music which begin at 10 am.

About the Artist

Over the past three decades, renowned Wheat Ridge sculptor Kevin Robb has made his mark on the national and international art scene. A unique style and consummate welding quality have defined and differentiated his work. As he is sculpting, the placement of each element is an answer to a question of relationships which he discovers as the work is in progress. He becomes one with the metal and intuitively knows the precise twists and turns that will be required to achieve the desired result. Today, Kevin creates sculptures in bronze and stainless steel, magnificent works crafted by Kevin since he suffered a massive stroke in 2004. Although he has been challenged physically, Kevin continues to create the art work that he loves so much. His ideas remain free-flowing and his commitment to quality is as high as ever – with a resolve that offers a physical testament to the dedication, expertise, and amazing recovery of this remarkable artist. Visit www.kevinrobb.com to learn more about this project.



Citizens interested in making a tax-deductible donation to the Mayor’s Art Initiative can do so by making a check payable to the Wheat Ridge Foundation. Please note “Public Art Campaign” on the check. All donations can be mailed to: Wheat Ridge Foundation, Attn: Mayor’s Office, 7500 W. 29th Ave. Wheat Ridge, CO 80033. For more information about the Mayor’s Art Initiative please contact Janice Smothers, Assistant to the Mayor, at 303-235-2815 or E-mail: jsmothers@ci.wheatridge.co.us.

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About the Wheat Ridge Cultural Commission: The Cultural Commission was created to promote culture and the arts in the City and foster cultural enrichment and education opportunities for the citizens of Wheat Ridge.

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