

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager on Behalf of the City of Lowell, to accept a Gift from Elsie Howell of the Mico H. Kaufman Revocable Trust of two small bronze “Indian Maiden” sculptures in honor of Terry O’Connor as a symbol of the Mico H. Kaufman Revocable Trust’s appreciation of Terry O’Connor’s work as he was behind placing the large sculpture of the Indian Maiden in the City of Lowell.

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Mico H. Kaufman was a world renowned local artist who was commissioned many years ago to create the bronze “Indian Maiden” sculpture to symbolize the great contribution of Native Americans in this region; and

Elsie Howell of the Mico H. Kaufman Revocable Trust desires to donate to the City of Lowell, two small bronze “Indian Maiden” sculptures with the provision that it be in honor of Terry O’Connor as a symbol of appreciation of Terry O’Connor’s work; and

The City of Lowell desires to accept the gift of the two small bronze “Indian Maiden” sculptures with the provision that it be in honor of Terry O’Connor’s work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED:

That the City Manager be and she is hereby authorized in the name of the City of Lowell, to accept a gift from Elsie Howell of the Mico H. Kaufman Revocable Trust of two small bronze “Indian Maiden” sculptures in honor of Terry O’Connor as a symbol of the Mico H. Kaufman Revocable Trust’s appreciation of Terry O’Connor’s work as he was behind placing the large sculpture of the Indian Maiden in the City of Lowell, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A½.

Further, that the City Manager will convey the City’s appreciation for the generous donation.

**Elsie Howell**  
39 Birch Street  
Tewksbury, MA 01876

January 20, 2021

Eileen Donoghue, City Manager  
Lowell City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl. Rm 43  
375 Merrimack Street  
Lowell, MA 01852

Dear Eileen,

It has been a long time since we have been in contact. I wish you, your family, and your staff a very Happy New Year.

I am writing to you today to inform you that we are in the final days of closing the Mico H. Kaufman Revocable Trust. As you know, with both Terry O'Connor and Flavia Cigliano, I have been working for the past four years to sell the works remaining in Mico's collection, but more important, to place Mico's work at nonprofit institutions where the public would have easy access to viewing his work in the future.

Among the eleven institutions where his works have been placed are UMASS-Lowell, the office of UMASS Chancellor Marty Meehan in Boston, Middlesex Community College, The Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Pollard Library in Lowell, the Lowell Historical Society, Lowell Catholic, Tewksbury Public Library, and Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center in North Andover.

A few works remain. Among them are two small models of the Indian Maiden, the sculpture that the City of Lowell accepted to place on the banks of the Merrimack River. I would like to donate these two models of the Indian Maiden to the City of Lowell in honor of Terry O'Connor. It was Terry who was the guiding light and the determination behind placing the Indian Maiden in Lowell. I would be pleased and honored if you accepted these small sculptures (H 8"x W 8"x D 3") as a symbol of the Mico Kaufman Trust's appreciation of Terry's work. Perhaps they could be used as gifts to potential donors who contribute in placing the Indian Maiden.

It has been a great pleasure to work with Diane Tradd and her staff on this project. I look forward to the sculpture's placement once this terrible Covid problem has been resolved.

If you accept the sculptures, they will be delivered to Lowell City Hall to your attention. If you could let me know at your earliest convenience if the City of Lowell will accept this gift, I would appreciate it.

With best wishes,

*Elsie Howell*

Elsie Howell

