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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Public Art Advisory Board  
**FROM:** Bethany Grubbs, Planner III/Public Art Manager  
**DATE:** November 7, 2023  
**RE:** Lake Whitney Place at St. Lucie West Major Site Plan - Public Art Submission (P19-059-A1)

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Michael Hass with Lloyd Jones, LLC, agent for the property owner, Aviva PSL Property Owner, LLC, has submitted a proposal for onsite artwork. The artwork will be located on the project site at 590 NW Lake Whitney Place, located at the development's entrance at Lake Whitney Place. See location in the application packet.

The project's estimated construction costs are \$36,988,864.00, which, according to the Art in Public Places Ordinance, would require an artwork valued at 332,899.776, if created by a local artist. The public art assessment is capped at \$100,000. The proposal is estimated to cost \$148,798.00.

The proposed artwork includes a 9' tall by 5' 3" wide bronze sculpture mounted to a 7'6" square concrete plinth. The applicant commissioned Charles Strain to create "The Gathering" as a reflection of the mission behind their building. The mission is to bring strangers together in a joyful and celebratory union, full of life. After finishing much of the wax and molds, the artist lost his life to pancreatic cancer. As such, the applicant has hired Vinnetti's, a collection of artists and bronze workers in a Miami foundry, to complete the molds and casting. Vinnetti's will deliver and assemble the piece previously created and envisioned by Charles Strain.

The art will be visible to the public from Lake Whitney Place as required by Section 162.05(10) of the Art in Public Places Ordinance.

The Public Art Advisory Board's recommendation will be provided to the City Council for their ultimate decision.