

January 31st, 2024

Alex Smith
The Philadelphia Art Commission
One Parkway, 1515 Arch Street, 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102



SUBJECT: Request for Art Commission 2nd Review of Vare Recreation Center Percent for Art

Dear Alex:

The Office of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy (OACCE) is submitting this request to the Philadelphia Art Commission to facilitate a 2nd review of the Vare Recreation Center Percent for Art project during the Art Commission Meeting on February 14, 2024.

This proposed public art project was originally submitted to the Philadelphia Art Commission for an initial review on November 8th, 2023 and received conceptual approval from the Art Commission at that meeting. This public art project will be an outdoor sculpture located near the main entrance to the new recreation center building. The purpose of this Percent for Art opportunity is to create a beautiful and enduring work of public art that is permanent, site-specific, and reflects the culture, values, and diversity of the Vare community. Promoting themes of healing and unity within the community was of particular importance to community members.

OACCE and the artists Dymond Whipper-Young and Michael Coppage will present their updated proposal in order to address the Art Commissioner's comments from the November 8, 2023 meeting.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 215.686.4596.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marguerite Anglin".

Marguerite Anglin, RA, NOMA
Public Art Director
Office of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy (OACCE)



**Vare Recreation Center
Percent for Art
Art Commission – Final Review
February 14th, 2024**

**Presented by: OACCE,
Dyymond Whipper-Young, and Michael Coppage**

Art Commission –Responding to Comments

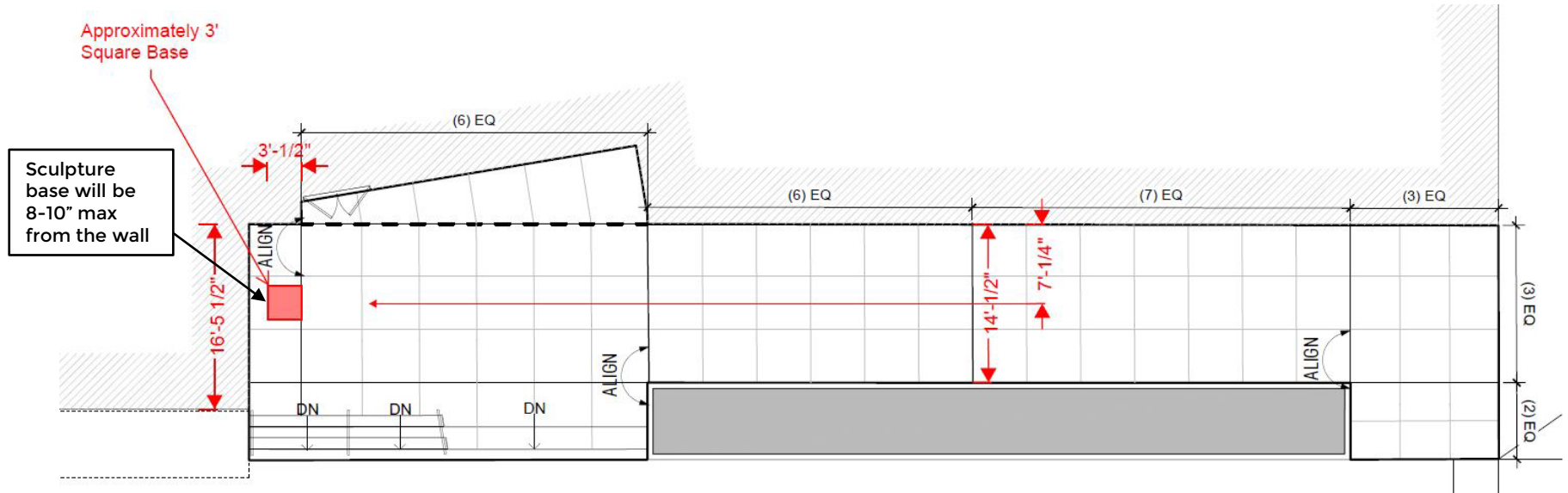
Topics to be addressed today:

1. Location of the sculpture next to wall
2. Nighttime view of the sculpture
3. Educational tools

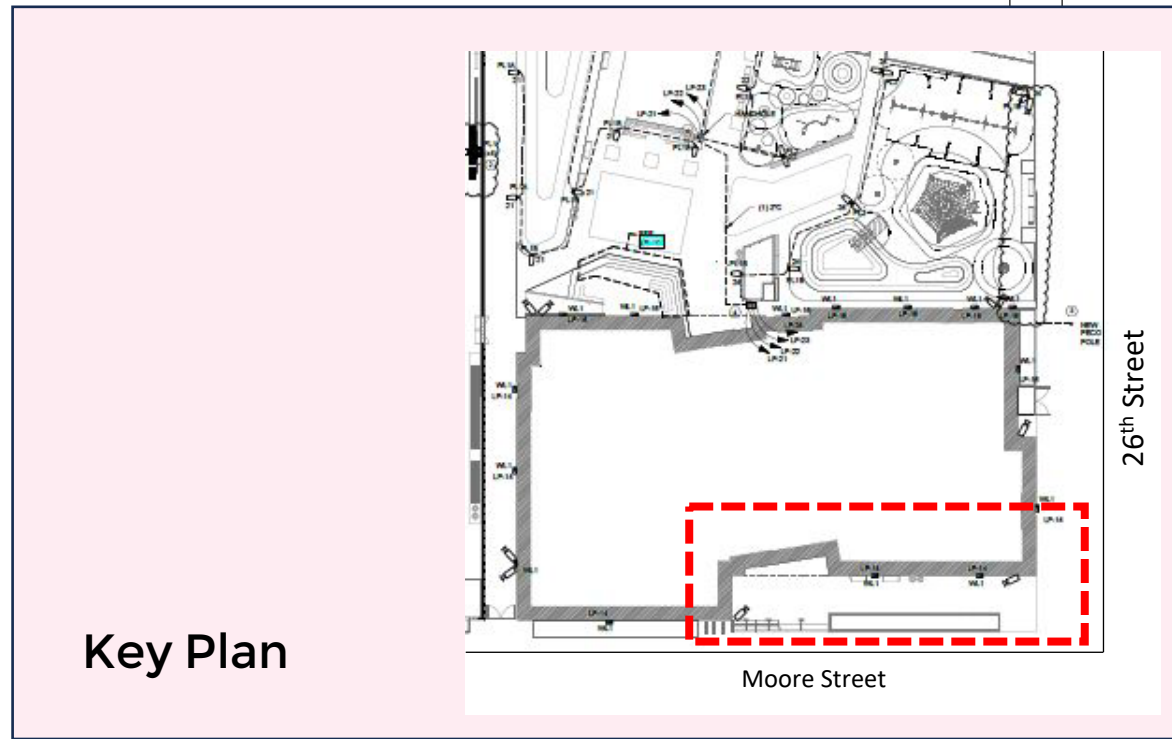


"The Center"

Sculpture Location



Enlarged Site Plan



Sculpture Rendering- Day View



Sculpture Rendering - Night View



Sculpture Rendering- Night View (Close Up)



Educational Tools: Percent for Art Plaque

The Center

**Dyymond Whipper-Young &
Michael Coppage**

2024

Bronze, Limestone

The Center celebrates themes of unity, diversity, uplifting the Vare community and the impact of women in our society. This sculpture features a young African American woman holding up a ring with multi-toned hands set on a “V” shaped pedestal. The hands represent a diverse community supporting its members and inspires all who visit the Vare Recreation Center to give one another a helping hand.

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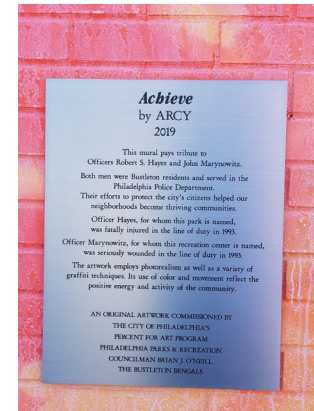
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Plaque Location



Plaque Description

- Brushed stainless steel
- Etched Black Lettering
- 11x14



Examples of recent Percent for Art Plaques