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South Suburban's Public Art Committee Dedicates Three Sculptures
With District's Art-on-Loan Program at Goodson Recreation Center

South Suburban's Public Art Committee celebrated the installation of three new sculptures, which are part of the District's Art-on-Loan program at Goodson Recreation Center on Wed., July 9. Artists Mike Juarez, Mike Cody and Don Orr were recognized and spoke about their featured sculptures. Artist Bill Noland was unable to attend.

Artists Mike Juarez and Mike Cody comprise Mike Squared Mosaics, and explained the significance of the elements in their piece, *Epic II*. It is an earth, wind, fire and water mosaic Obelisk. It stands over six feet tall and is located along the road to the recreation center's main entrance.

Mike Squared Mosaics has been commissioned to create many large and small scale Mosaic Murals, Stained Glass works and Mural paintings for the private sector since 2002. Their work can also be found at the Garrison Street RTD Commuter Light Rail Train Station. The artists reside in Denver.

Artist Don Orr gave a humorous talk detailing the trials and tribulations he encountered while creating his sculpture, which he appropriately-named, *Nemesis*. Orr is a self-taught metal sculptor and began his craft in 1970. He lives in Colorado Springs.

Bill Noland's *Rocky Mountains Tag*, features two running Mule Deer fawns. Noland had a taxidermy business before he started to sculpt 15 years ago. His work is installed throughout numerous parts of Colorado including Glenwood Springs, Colorado Springs, Grand Junction, Montrose and Greeley, as well as Sheridan WY and Sioux Falls, SC. Noland resides in Ridgeway, Colo.

The South Suburban Public Art Committee (SSPAC) recommends the installation of sculptures for a one-year temporary display. The District's Art-on-Loan program allows for artist-owned sculptures to be displayed at Goodson Recreation Center for a period of one year. The sculptures are selected by the SSPAC through a competitive process. South Suburban's Board of Directors approves the SSPAC selections prior to installation. Goodson Recreation Center is located at 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial.

The requirements of the Art-on-Loan program are the artist must reside in Colorado, and the sculpture must meet site requirements and be for sale. The artist receives an honorarium for the display. The District receives a 20 percent commission for sculptures that are purchased through the program. For more information about South Suburban's Art-on-Loan program contact Darcie LaScala at 303-483-7072.