

## Hubbard, Christopher

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**From:** Spencer Cook <sbcook33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2019 11:32 AM  
**To:** Hubbard, Christopher  
**Cc:** gcwentworth@yahoo.com; Norene Marlow  
**Subject:** Re: Contacts for rec center art

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Hi Chris,

Norene and I spoke this morning and want to make you aware that while we are unable to attend the council meeting, we want to make it clear that the committee's decision on style and placement of the artwork was reached after lengthy and deliberate discussion over the course of several meetings across multiple years.

We were aware of the mayor's opinion on placement of the artwork during this time; however, it's our ongoing opinion that the artwork needs to be indoors to prevent the possibility of vandalism. We also feel strongly that the building itself is a work of art from the outside and we do not want to risk an installation that might look tacky or detract from the already amazing and elegant appearance of the building.

Again, this was not an arbitrary decision but was reached unanimously after a deliberate process of public input and civic engagement.

Finally, unlike the fire department situation, the rec center is a public indoor space that is widely used and attended. Literally everyone who walks into the building will be able to see the artwork as they step into the lobby.

I am available by phone to discuss this matter further today and can be reached via cell at 727.510.0961. Thanks as always for your work and dedication and hope to speak to you soon.

Spencer Cook  
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On Aug 13, 2019, at 10:47 AM, Hubbard, Christopher <[Christopher.Hubbard@MyClearwater.com](mailto:Christopher.Hubbard@MyClearwater.com)> wrote:

Thank you, Bob.

Good morning, all. I apologize for the short notice – this is in regards to the City Council Work Session yesterday, Monday August 12. At the session, the Mayor stated that he preferred to have an external piece of public art, and not the internal mosaic that was designed by Guy Kemper and guided by Norene, Spencer and the public artwork search committee. I served with Norene and Spencer to facilitate the original, external artwork, however a change in the design of the building necessitated an alternate site, which was later selected as the concrete wall above the entrance to the gymnasium.

I'd like to speak with you about the project and invite you and any representatives and residents that would like to attend the City Council meeting on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:00pm at City Council

Chambers at the Main Library, 100 N. Osceola Avenue in downtown Clearwater.

Thank you, and I look forward to speaking with you.

Respectfully,  
Christopher

**From:** Bob Barry <[bobnole78@gmail.com](mailto:bobnole78@gmail.com)>

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To all,

Chris Hubbard, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, needs to be in contact with you about artwork for rec center prior to Wednesday please.

Thanks

Bob