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City of Wheat Ridge Mayor's Office, Cultural Commission and the Wheat Ridge Foundation Begin Fundraising Effort for the Purchase of Public Art

Wheat Ridge, CO — July 18, 2008 – The City of Wheat Ridge Mayor's Office in partnership with the Cultural Commission and the Wheat Ridge Foundation began fundraising efforts to acquire public art on Monday, July 14th. Fundraising efforts were kicked-off with a presentation about the program by Mayor Jerry DiTullio and *2007 Wheat Ridge Volunteer of the Year* Tom Abbott. The Mayor accepted the first public art donation of \$2,500 from resident Tom Abbott. Mayor DiTullio also presented a personal check with a \$1,000 donation towards the public art fundraising effort. A total of \$50,000 in funding is needed to purchase a sculpture that will be created by local artist and Wheat Ridge resident Kevin Robb.

"The benefits of public art are many and our goal is to have the needed funding raised within a year," said Mayor Jerry DiTullio. "The Wheat Ridge Cultural Commission will select the sculpture in addition to making a recommendation to City Council on the location of where the sculpture will be placed." For more information about the public art fundraising program, please visit the City's Web site at www.ci.wheatridge.co.us and click on "Elected Officials" and "Mayor's Office" to view a copy of a letter to stakeholders from the Mayor and a portfolio of Kevin Robb's sculptures.

Citizens interested in making a tax deductible donation can do so by making a check payable to the Wheat Ridge Foundation noting "Public Art Campaign" and send it to the following:

Wheat Ridge Foundation, Attn: Mayor's Office
7500 W. 29th Ave. Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

For more information about this program, please contact Janice Smothers, Assistant to the Mayor at 303-235-2815 or E-mail: jsmothers@ci.wheatridge.co.us. Media inquiries, please contact Heather Geyer, Assistant to the City Manager at 303-235-2826 or E-mail: hgeyer@ci.wheatridge.co.us.

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