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

**SUBJECT: Request for Administrative Approval to Deaccession “Sun Arc” by Gary Weisman at East Passyunk Community Recreation Center (1025 Mifflin St)**

Dear Alex and Katherine

Creative Philadelphia is submitting this letter to request Administrative Approval during the March 12, 2025 Art Commission meeting, to deaccession (permanently remove) “Sun Arc” from the City’s public art collection. This is a component of the East Passyunk Rec Center renovation project, which was approved at the February 2025 Art Commission meeting. Please see summary below.

**Description:** “Sun Arc” is a City-owned, site-specific public artwork that was commissioned by the City’s Percent for Art program and installed at the East Passyunk Community Recreation Center (formerly the Tolentine Community Center) in 1991. The work consists of a sundial sculpture that is composed of fifteen bronze abstract columns placed in a semicircle and a large triangular wedge of concrete inscribed with the months of the year (see photo below).

The City is undertaking extensive improvements to the East Passyunk Community Recreation Center, which were approved by the Art Commission at the February 2025 Art Commission meeting. The improvement plans require the City to remove the sculpture, and it will not be possible to replace it when the improvements are complete.

As required per Managing Director’s Directive 67, Creative Philadelphia has notified the artist Gary Weisman, through his Philadelphia gallery representative, Katherine Stanek of Stanek Gallery. The artist is in agreement with Creative Philadelphia’s intent to deaccession

the piece from the City's public art collection and plans on donating the artwork to the Sperlak Gallery and Sculpture Garden in Cape May Court House, New Jersey, where it will be reinstalled permanently by the artist.

This letter formally requests the deaccessioning of the artwork, as part of the East Passyunk Rec Center renovation plans already approved. We are requesting for this to be included on the **March 12, 2025** Philadelphia Art Commission meeting agenda as an Administrative item for approval. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at 215.686.4596.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Marguerite Anglin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marguerite Anglin, RA, NOMA  
Public Art Director  
Creative Philadelphia