

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK  
ORDINANCE NO. 2012-50**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH HOWARD CONNELLY  
FOR LONG BRANCH GATEWAY PUBLIC ART PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Takoma Park celebrates its rich mix of cultural expression through visual arts, performing arts, literary arts, history, and heritage, and the humanities; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to strengthen our identity as a creative community, to support and promote Takoma Park's artist and humanities professionals, and to enrich and unify communities within Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, the Arts and Humanities Commission, having issued a call for entries for public art in February 2010, found the proposal - *Azalea* - submitted by Howard Connelly for consideration for the Long Branch Gateway to have a strong artistic appeal and to embody the creative spirit and rich history of the community; and

WHEREAS, the purchase and installation of Mr. Connelly's work was deferred as a result of unanticipated funding cuts by the Council in FY 2011; and

WHEREAS, funding for public art was restored in FY 2013, providing sufficient funds for the anticipated cost of the fabrication and installation of the sculpture, *Azalea*; and

WHEREAS, the City Council concurs with the Arts and Humanities Commission's October 9, 2012 recommendation to proceed with the Long Branch Gateway public art project as originally proposed by Mr. Connelly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Acting City Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with Howard Connelly in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the fabrication and installation of *Azalea*.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 15th day of October 2012 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE: Williams, Daniels-Cohen, Grimes, Male, Schultz, Seamens, Smith  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None