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PUBLIC SCULPTURE INSTALLED ON CAPITOL AVENUE

JEFFERSON CITY, MO, June 4, 2020 – A public sculpture has been installed along the sidewalk in front of 619 E. Capitol Ave. “Dissident” was awarded to City of Jefferson Cultural Arts Commission through Sculpture on the Move, a program provided by Creative Communities Alliance. Participating communities rent a sculpture for a two-year period, making it more affordable than purchasing the sculpture.

“Dissident” was created by Cape Girardeau artist Ben Pierce. Standing ten feet tall, the abstract piece is made of welded steel and macropoxy paint. “What is great about an abstract piece like this is that it can mean something different for everyone viewing it,” said Leann Porrello, JC Parks Cultural Arts Specialist. “For me, it represents Jefferson City’s unique identity. The oculus in the sculpture provides a frame for the Capitol dome when looking west and Missouri State Penitentiary redevelopment area when looking east. It honors our tradition and history as well as our future.”

A second sculpture will be installed at Ellis-Porter Riverside Park later in June. “Soccer Dude” by St. Louis artist Gonz Jove will replace current sculpture “Grandiloquence” by Jillian Sprenger.

City of Jefferson Cultural Arts Commission is a citizen volunteer commission that is charged with educating and promoting public awareness of the value of arts in the community. For more information about Cultural Arts Commission, visit https://www.jeffersoncitymo.gov/parksabout_us/cultural_arts_commission.php

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