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**PUBLIC SCULPTURE INSTALLED AT ELLIS-PORTER RIVERSIDE PARK**

**JEFFERSON CITY, MO, June 29, 2020** – A public sculpture has been installed at 300 Ellis-Porter Drive, Ellis-Porter Riverside Park along the sidewalk in front of the playground. “Soccer Dude” 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.

“Soccer Dude” was created by St. Louis artist Gonz Jove. Standing nine feet tall, the silhouette is made of wood and sealed with a polycrylic protective finish. “This piece really embodies PLAY within our parks,” said Leann Porrello, JC Parks Cultural Arts Specialist.

Soccer Dude is the second sculpture to be homed at Riverside Park through the Sculpture on the Move program. Before in the same location was sculpture “Grandiloquence” by Jillian Springer.

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