



Title: Sandlot Player

Catalog Number: LPA16

Artist: Vivian Cooke

Date: June 19, 2005

Location: Mae Simmons Park, East 23rd Street and Oak Avenue, Lubbock, TX.

Description: A life-sized statue of a little league player holding a bat and wearing a baseball cap backwards. His stance indicates he is at bat, awaiting the pitch.

History: Vivian Cooke is a retired public school art teacher and long-time resident of the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights neighborhood. Local artist and internationally renowned sculptor, Eddie Dixon described Cooke as “a great talent and an up-and-coming sculptor.” Emma Jackson

and Billie Russell, both former presidents of the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association saw the sculpture as being a very important addition to the neighborhood. The baseball fields at the park are gathering places for the local residents. This statue helps to make public art available to all areas of Lubbock. It helps to inspire pride in local activities.

Other artwork by artist/places exhibited: “Wall of Inspiration,” Dunbar Historical Lake.

Works Cited: Jackson, Emma. “Bronze Sandlot Player,” *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, July 7, 2005,

Editorials.

Material: Bronze

Dimensions: 4’

Condition: 3

Owned By: The City of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock, TX 79457; (806) 775-3000.

Commissioned By: CH Foundation, Southwest Digest Foundation, businesses and private individuals, Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts, Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association.

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