

November 9, 2023 Madison Arts Commission Administrative Report

Public Art Updates

Atwood Avenue Percent for Art Plan

Multiple locations on Atwood Ave, District 15



- Poetry in Sidewalks by 2022 Youth Poet Laureate Madeleine Bohn and Poet Laureate Angie Trudell Vasquez is completed.
- Three Utility Boxes wraps by Rachel Durfee and Chris Murphy are in progress.
- Path medallions designed by Daniella Echeverria are expected to be installed in Spring, 2024.

Bartillon Shelter Percent for Art Plan – Lillian Sizemore

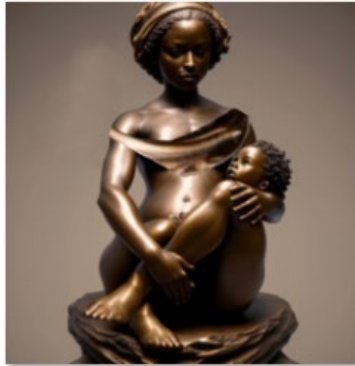
1904 Bartillon Dr, District 12



- Madison Arts and Engineering staff have entered into preliminary conversations with artist Lillian Sizemore to act as a landscape and public art consultant for the exterior site plan.
- Sizemore would work to integrate public art into proposed sites. We will contract her for an initial public art plan that would then be reviewed by other staff and MAC.
- We anticipate we will also run a call for existing artwork to license or purchase for additional interior and/or exterior sites.
- Learn more: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/bartillon-shelter>

Darbo-Worthington Sculpture – Austen Brantley

Starkweather Creek Bike Path at E Washington Avenue, District 12



- The artist has identified a site in the public right of way along E Washington and the Bike Path at the entrance to the Darbo Worthington neighborhood.
- Staff are awaiting updated designs from the artist to incorporate into the survey, along with a Certificate of Insurance to proceed with his agreement.
- The survey is drafted and will be distributed to neighborhood residents & stakeholders.
- Anticipated production and installation will be 2024.

Imagination Center at Reindahl Park Percent for Art Plan

1818 Portage Road, District 12



- Staff from The Bubbler and Madison Arts are partnering on the public art plan.
- In consultation with Parks, Engineering, and Library staff we have identified potential sites.
- In Spring, 2024 we anticipate launching an RFQ for a priority site that is suitable for a large outdoor sculpture.
- We intend to transfer Percent for Art funds from the Metro Transit Hansen Road facility to bolster the budget of this project.
- Learn more about this project:
<https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/imagination-center-at-reindahl-park>

Lake Monona Waterfront Design Public Art Focus Group

Lake Monona Waterfront from Olin Park to Law Park, District 4 and District 13



- Wednesday, October 25th Parks and Madison Arts Staff hosted 20 local artists and arts supporters for a Public Art Focus Group for the Lake Monona Waterfront Master Plan.
- The resulting maps and notes identified opportunities and considerations to integrate public art along the waterfront, and were provided to the Sasaki design team.
- Sasaki is incorporating the input into the draft master plan, which will be reviewed by the Ad-hoc Committee November 29th.
- Learn more about the masterplan: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/lake-monona-waterfront-design-challenge>

Metro Transit Maintenance Facility – Jenie Gao

1101 E Washington Ave, District 6



- Negotiating agreement with the artist.
- Installation has been rescheduled to spring/summer 2024.
- Once the agreement is complete and timeline is set, a press release will be published.

S Pinckney Street Median – Greeting Arc I & Greeting Arc II – Sunghee Min

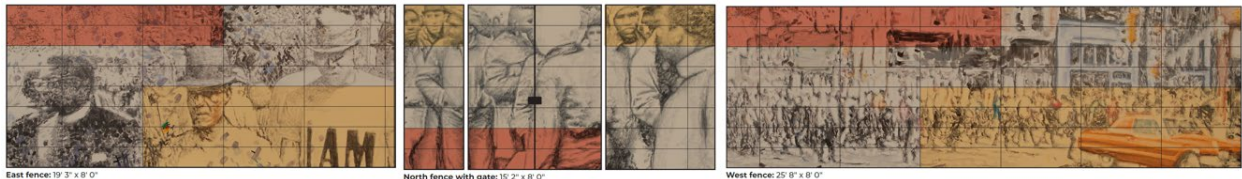
200 Block of S Pinckney Street, District 4



- Installed November 1, 2023.
- Dedication will be held 11:30 am – 12:00 pm on Wednesday, November 15th, 2023
- Event: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/calendar/dedication-of-greeting-arc-i-ii-by-sunghee-min>
- RSVP to staff to let them know if you are coming to the dedication, and/or the lunch from noon to 1pm at the Madison Club madisonarts@cityofmadison.com
- Press release: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/news/new-public-art-to-be-dedicated-on-south-pinckney-street-median>

Urban League Southwest Employment Center Fence – The Artist

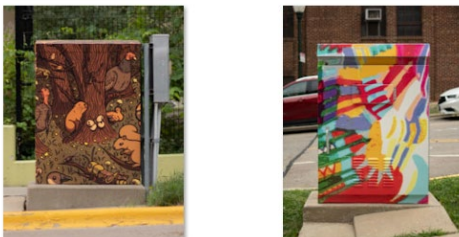
1233 McKenna Blvd, District 20



- Staff have received approvals from The Artist, Urban League representatives, Urban Design Commission, and Zoning to proceed with the proposed design.
- Currently gathering bids from sign fabricators for implementation.

Utility Boxes – Various Artists

Districts 2, 3, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, & 16



- 38 boxes installed across Madison this summer, representing the work of 27 local artists.
- View the selected works: <https://www.friendsofmadisonarts.org/utility-boxes.html>
- Press release will be published in the coming weeks upon installation of remaining boxes.

West Area and North East Area Plans

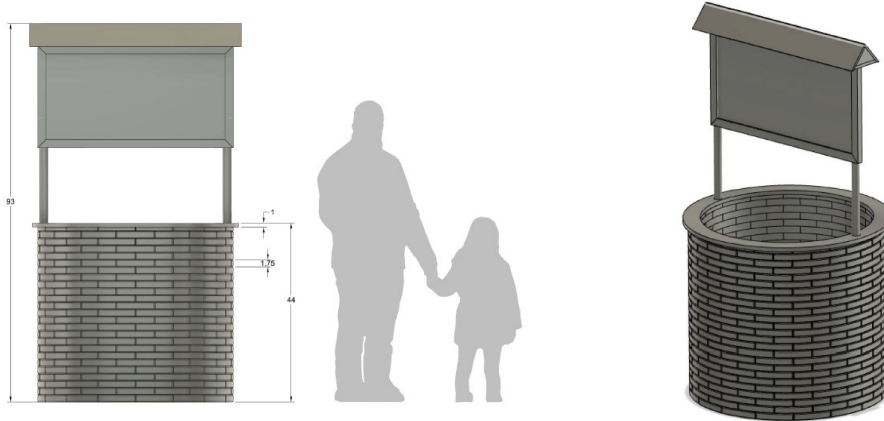
- Madison Arts staff are working with colleagues in the Planning Division to host arts workshops in conjunction with both the West Area and North East Area Plans.
- The goal of the workshops is to identify opportunities and challenges that may be incorporated into the plan as recommendations.
- [West Area Arts Focus Group Meeting](#)
6:00 – 7:30 pm, Monday, November 13, 2023
Wisconsin Neighborhood Center at Vel Phillips Memorial High School
201 S Gammon Rd.

To register to attend or provide input [complete our 3-question survey by 12:00 pm \(noon\) on November 13th](#).

- North East Area Meeting TBD (early December)

Wishing Well – Lower Astronomy Studios

Various Locations



- Partnership between The Bubbler and the Planning Division for a public art and planning engagement tool.
- *Wishing Well* is a wooden well that will be available for both Library and Planning staff to use as needed and can be moved between locations.
- Completed by the Bubbler's Artist in residence, who MAC previously commissioned during the Phoenix from the Ashes.

Conservation Updates

Capitol Square Fountains

Capitol Square, District 4



- Cleaned this summer. Additional conservation needed in the coming summer.

Sid Boyum Sculpture

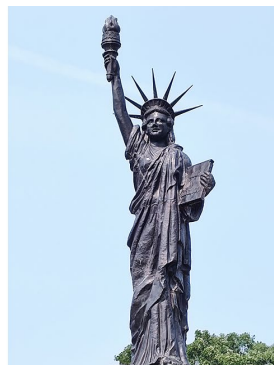
S Livingston Street at Capital City Trail, District 6



- A Sid Boyum sculpture located along the Capital City Trail is in need of conservation work to repair the “tail” of the sculpture.

Statue of Liberty

Warner Park, 1625 Northport, District 12



- Cleaned this summer.

Timekeeper

Warner Park, 1625 Northport, District 12



- Metal and granite surfaces of the sculpture were restored and polished.
- New granite will be laid in the coming months, pending artist and Parks approval of stone.
- On September 5, 2023 Isthmus Dance Collective hosted several performances as part of Shifting Gears Bike Path Festival.
- A video of the event will soon be released and a press release will be published.

Poetry Updates

Madison Bus Lines



- 6 Madison Poets including 4 adults and 2 youth were selected to show their work on the sides of Metro Transit busses.
- Press Release: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/news/city-of-madison-announces-2023-bus-lines-poetry-selections>
- A celebration will be hosted November 9th at 6:30 pm at Pinney Library.

Youth Poet Laureate

- Youth Poet Laureate Maliha Nu'Man & Poet Laureate Angie Trudell Vasquez will read November 18th, 2023 at 11:00 am at Sequoya Library.
- ASL interpretation and light refreshments provided.