

March 12, 2024, 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 are installed on Atwood Avenue.
- Utility box wraps by Rachel Durfee, Chris Murphy, Eloisa Calendar will be installed this summer.
- Path medallions designed by Daniella Echeverria (above) are expected to be installed in 2024.

Bartillon Shelter Percent for Art Plan - [Legistar File 78514](#)

1904 Bartillon Dr, District 12



- Madison Arts and Engineering staff consulted with artist Lillian Sizemore on a potential design for a mosaic on the front façade.
- The proposed mosaic locations were included in the Bartillon Shelter proposal that was approved by Urban Design Commission on Wednesday, February 14, 2024.
- Staff will develop an RFQ for a mosaic artist to design and develop mosaics to fit the proposed locations. Applications will be reviewed by MAC.
- We anticipate we will also run a call for existing artwork to license or purchase for interior sites.
- <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 identified a site in the along E Washington and the Bike Path.
- Staff received updated designs from the artist and incorporated them into the community survey.
- The survey will be distributed to neighborhood residents & stakeholders this spring.
- Anticipated production and installation will be Summer/Fall 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 have identified a site for a sculpture.
- In Spring, 2024 we anticipate launching an RFQ.
- We transferred Percent for Art funds from the Metro Transit Hansen Road Facility to bolster the budget of this project.
- <https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/imagination-center-at-reindahl-park>

Metro Transit Maintenance Facility – Jenie Gao

1101 E Washington Ave, District 6



- As of 3-6-2024, Jenie Gao signed the Metro Transit contract and it is being routed for execution.
- Installation has been rescheduled to spring/summer 2024.
- Once the agreement is complete and timeline is set, a press release will be published.

Public Market

202 N. First St, District 12



- Previously approved projects are in development.
- Two potential RFQs will be launched this summer.
- Installation will occur during the tenant move in phase in February 01, 2025 – May 15, 2025.
- <https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/madison-public-market>

State Street Campus Garage

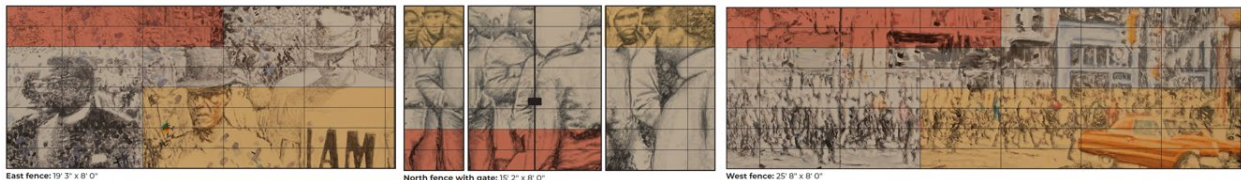
430 N. Frances St, District 2



- Mayor's office will be appointing members to the selection committee as soon as possible.
- Staff is working on an RFQ to be launched this Spring.
- <https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/state-street-campus-garage-mixed-use-project>

Urban League Southwest Employment Center Fence – The Artist

1233 McKenna Blvd, District 20



- Staff have approvals from The Artist, Urban League, Urban Design Commission, and Zoning.
- A sign fabricator has been selected for implementation, which will start March 15.
- Staff will draft educational information to be reviewed by the Artist and other stakeholders.

Utility Boxes – Sister City Collaboration



- This year we are prioritizing the boxes on University Avenue & Atwood Avenue, and cleaning some boxes that have been tagged.
- Funding permitting, we may partner with Sister Cities to wrap 10 boxes.

West Area and North-East Area Plans

- Madison Arts staff worked with colleagues in the Planning Division to host arts workshops in conjunction with both the West Area and North-East Area Plans.
- The workshops identified opportunities and challenges that staff incorporated into the plan as recommendations.
- The West Area Plan draft is currently available to the public for comments. You can provide feedback in many ways, [including via person meetings and online](#). North-East Area plan will be available for review in the coming months.

Conservation Updates

Capitol Square Fountains

Capitol Square, District 4



- Cleaned this summer. Additional conservation needed in the coming summer.
- Staff are actively working on this.

Sid Boyum Sculpture

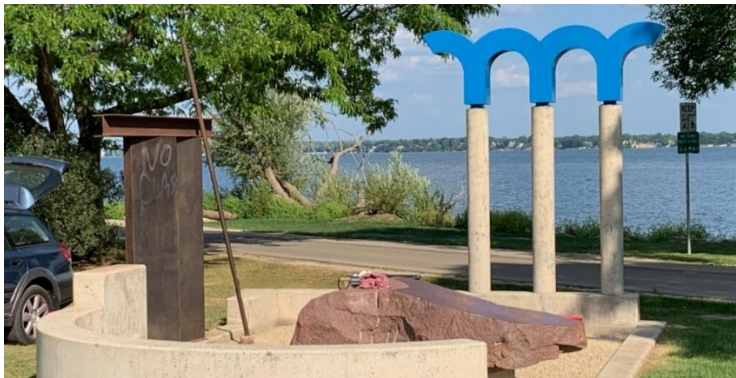
S Livingston Street at Capital City Trail, District 6



- A Sid Boyum sculpture located along the Capital City Trail is in need of conservation work to repair the “tail” of the sculpture.
- Staff will research potential concrete conservators.

Timekeeper

Law Park, 410 S Blair St, District 4



- Metal and granite surfaces of the sculpture were restored and polished in 2023.
- New granite will be laid in the coming months, pending artist and Parks approval of stone.

Poetry Updates

Madison Poet Laureate Debut: 7 pm, March 21, 2024, at Art + Lit Laboratory

The new Madison poet Laureate, Steven Dawson, will be giving a poetry reading along with the 2020-2024 Madison Poet Laureate, Angie Trudell Vasquez, and the 2022-23 Ronald Wallace Poetry Fellow at the Wisconsin Institute for Creative Writing, Chessy Normile. The reading will be 30 – 45 minutes, followed by a short Q+A segment and informal reception.

<https://artlitlab.org/events/madison-poet-laureate-debut-gala>

Youth Poet Laureate

- Youth Poet Laureate Maliha Nu'Man read at the Wisconsin Winter Festival of Poetry.
- The 2024-25 Youth Poet Laureate Call will open in April