



Legislation Text

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Funding is authorized in the 2012 adopted capital budget of the Planning, Community and Economic Development agency, project no. 1, "Municipal Art Fund," Acc't No. 810427. No additional appropriation is required.

Seeking Common Council approval of the 2012 Art in Public Places funding awards as recommended by the Madison Arts Commission.

WHEREAS, the Common Council adopted Resolution ID #30476 on March 19, 2002, adopting the Public Art Framework and Field Guide for Madison, Wisconsin and recommendations contained in the framework; and

WHEREAS, the Public Art Framework and Field Guide recommends the Madison Arts Commission create opportunities for community partnerships for Art in City-Building; and

WHEREAS, the Madison Arts Commission, whose mission it is to make the arts an essential part of the lives of all of Madison's citizens, re-established the Art in Public Places (AIPP) program at their Wednesday, May 9, 2012, meeting; and

WHEREAS, funding for these projects are identified as potential expenditures in the Municipal Art Fund in the 2012 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Madison Arts Commission issued a call for proposals inviting non-profit organizations and neighborhood groups to submit letters of interest in the AIPP program; and

WHEREAS, by the Friday, June 1 application deadline the Madison Arts Commission received four applications for Art in Public Places projects funding, totaling \$50,500 in requests; and

WHEREAS, the Public Art Standing Committee of the Madison Arts Commission met on Monday, June 4, 2012, to evaluate the letters of interest received for the 2012 grant period; and

WHEREAS, the Madison Arts Commission invited three of four applicants to present their proposals before the full Madison Arts Commission on Tuesday, July 10, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Madison Arts Commission reviewed the proposals and recommends funding of all three projects for Art in Public Places funding, as follows:

- VanChaMasShe Neighborhood Association at \$6,329 for sculptural elements in their bird sanctuary including a winged arch, a series of water baths and an interpretive sign created by artist Mike Burns, on property owned by the Madison Metropolitan School District ("MMSD") and operated by MSCR, adjacent to Hoyt Park. The bird sanctuary is being separately funded by the Planning Division as a Neighborhood Grant (see RES - 25850);
- Marquette Neighborhood Association, Inc. at \$12,658 for their Williamson Street Gateway - The Lost and Found Tree (Working Title) by artist Erika Koivunen that will weld together found-art and steel pipe in the form of an elegant tree and be placed in the Willy Street median across from the Gateway shops with the dual purpose of welcoming residents and visitors and functioning as a traffic calming device; and

- Madison Public Library Foundation, Inc. at \$6,013 for two site-specific sculptures at the new Central Library. Heath Matysek-Snyder will create "Kominy" in which furniture from the old library will be imbedded into a larger sculptural structure created from tightly stacked and secured wood; and another artwork, "Arch," by Niki Johnson, will consist of reconfiguring the metal bookends from the former Central library into a colorful installation; and

WHEREAS, the City's ability and willingness to fund these three projects will be contingent on the recipients' ability to secure all necessary permissions and permits, including but not limited to permits for the placement and construction of the artwork as required by other City departments, and for the VanChaMasShe Neighborhood Association project, all necessary permission and/or arrangements with MMSD and MSCR has been secured, to the satisfaction of MMSD and the City; and

WHEREAS, reimbursement and final acceptance of each piece of artwork will be contingent upon the City's acceptance, as indicated by the Arts Program Administrator, of the completed artwork as established in contracts to be executed for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council approves the three AIPP funding recommendations of the Madison Arts Commission for a total of \$25,000 in public art funding from the Municipal Art Fund as described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Division Director is authorized to execute contracts for the same as described herein, in a format approved by the Finance Director, Risk Manager, and City Attorney.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City is authorized to accept ownership of the final pieces of artwork upon compliance with and according to the terms of the contracts executed with each recipient.