

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES BOARD 2011 WORK PLAN

Introduction:

The Art in Public Places Program (APP) was reauthorized in April of 1998. The APP Board will continue to advise City Council on projects and programs relating to public art, design and aesthetics.

Range of Activities Planned for 2011:

Activities

- Promote the APP collection and Fort Collins as a unique destination for attracting tourism, economic development, and increased tax revenue.
- The APP Program will continue to develop Utility projects that support the goals of the Utility Department
- Review and make recommendations to City Council on all APP projects and donations.
- Advise and make recommendations for changes to rules, regulations, guidelines, policy, administrative, and budgetary matters pertaining to the APP Program.
- Continue to provide public art consulting for local private businesses.
- Continue to maintain and update the APP website, APP Transformer Cabinet, APP Collection and Pedestrian Paver brochures & maps.
- Collaborate with the city on the updating of the City Plan & Transportation Master Plan.
- Continue to review donations of artwork to the city.
- Continue to maintain the APP art collection.

Design Consultant Projects

The APP Board currently has a juried list of 16 visual artists on the APP Design Consultant Resource List. These Design Consultants work with city departments and design teams to integrate art into city construction projects. We will select a new group of artists in 2011.

1% Projects

These projects are usually developed in conjunction with a larger construction project so the art project timeline coincides with the construction timeline. Therefore, the APP art project could be delayed if the construction project is delayed. All these projects have an artist working with the project design team to develop concepts that meet the goals of the project.

The APP Board currently has nineteen 1% projects (city construction projects with budgets over \$250,000):

- The **Environmental Learning Center** project has the Utility Water Systems Engineering Department constructing a water diversion wall on the Cache la Poudre River near the ELC. An artist will be selected through the APP process to work with the project team.
- The **Fort Collins Discovery Museum** project is creating a new building and partnership between the Fort Collins Museum and the Discovery Science Center. Artist Ned Kahn was selected from 218 applicants and is currently working with the design team on this project.
- Artist Andy Dufford has worked with the project team to develop concepts for art with the **Fossil Creek Water Rehab.** Project. The artwork will be installed in 2011.
- Artist Barbara Baer was selected to be the artist involved in the **Lincoln Center** project. The artist is currently fabricating two art elements to be installed at this site in 2011.
- The **Linden Streetscape Project** team selected artist Susan Dailey from the Design Consultant Resource List. Design meetings with the artist have begun.

- The APP Program is working with the **Mason Transportation Corridor** team to develop the concepts for art to further enhance and support this project. Artist Robert Tully was selected to work with the project team and develop art elements that are functional components of the corridor.
- The APP program is currently working on two North College projects and helping to create a vision for the corridor. The Planning Department had previously met with the APP Board to outline the various gateways to the city and options to work together as a team. For the **North College Entryway**, artist Howard Kalish was selected from an open competition. With collaboration from DDA, the artist will start working with the project team in the near future.
- The second N. College project is the **North College Improvement Project**. Artist Andy Dufford was selected for this project from the Design Consultant Resource List. The artist is currently meeting with the project team to develop concepts for the art at this site.
- APP and the **Northside Aztlan Skate Park** project team are developing an RFQ for this mural project and will select an artist in 2011.
- The APP program has been working with the Engineering Dept. on pavers that are incorporated into city sidewalks. The program has held open competitions to solicit drawings from Fort Collins students ages 3-18. The APP program is planning to proceed with this program for a **2011 Pedestrian Paver** competition. Designs will be selected and sandblasted into granite pavers. This will be the ninth year for this program.
- Utilities along with Natural Resources staff proposed working on an APP mural project on the **Poudre River Wall**. This site continues to be marked with graffiti and has become a continual maintenance issue. APP is working with Utilities and Natural Resources to develop an art project to add art to the wall.
- The APP Program has completed 90 **Transformer Cabinet Murals**. To continue to help mitigate the graffiti on these cabinets, APP along with the Light & Power Department will continue to prioritize sites for future mural projects and select new artists in 2011.
- Continue to coordinate with city departments as they develop new projects in 2011.

Projects on Hold

- The **College and Harmony Project** was approved to select an artist from the Design Consultant List. Artist Robert Tully was selected and the project was approved by the APP Board. This concept has been approved by the APP Board and will need to be approved by City Council.
- The APP Board is working towards selecting an **Old Town Location** for an iconic art piece. They will further define the budget and artist selection process for this project. This project is currently on hold.
- The APP Program was working with artist Robert Tully and the project team on refining the concepts for the **Pickle Plant** site. This project team has been developing a concept that creates a gateway into Old Town, reflects the historical significance of the site and highlights renewable energy. This project is currently on hold.
- The Parks Department joined the board to present the plans for **Registry Ridge Park**. The team has selected artist Patrick Marold to work with them on a site specific piece for this park project. The artists' concepts for this park have been approved by the APP Board. This park project is currently on hold.
- Utilities proposed to the APP board a project to develop educational **Water Quality Boxes**. Artist Andy

Dufford was selected for this project from the Design Consultant Resource List. These artist designed boxes will hold Utility water quality testing equipment. This project will need to be approved by City Council.

- Artist Robert Tully worked with the team to develop concepts for the **Watersway Park** project. The artist is currently under contract to create the art elements for this park. This park project is currently on hold.
- The City Engineering Department presented the **West Harmony Road** project to the APP Board. Artist Christopher Weed has created a gateway concept for the art at this site. The concept has been approved by the APP Board and will need to be approved by City Council.

Collaborations/Outreach

- APP partnered with DDA on the “**Art in Action**” project in Old Town Square. This project had a local artist creating artwork in Old Town Square during the summer of 2010. The artwork that artist Jim Lynxwiler created will be installed in Old Town area. APP hopes to continue this collaboration with DDA on future “Art in Action” projects.
- APP is in the process of working with donors on a possible **art donation** to EPIC. There are also other donations in discussion that will be reviewed by the APP Board in 2011.
- Utilities and the APP program have developed a program for the private **Sponsorship of Transformer Cabinet Murals**. The direction is to have the private owner cover all costs and donate the money to the city for the mural. The selected artist will then work with Art in Public Places Program to create the mural on the transformer cabinet. We currently have a couple organizations/businesses who are considering sponsoring a cabinet mural in 2011.
- APP continues to work with various local organizations to paint metal **trash cans** that are then placed by the Parks Department in parks throughout the city.
- Continue to consult with other agencies, both locally and nationally, on the Transformer Cabinet Mural Project.