

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES BOARD

2010 ANNUAL REPORT

BACKGROUND

The Art in Public Places Board held their first meeting in July of 1995. The APP board meetings are being held the third Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Center. While the Lincoln Center is under construction, the meetings are being held at 215 N. Mason, in the second floor training room.

Members who served in 2010 were Liliane Francuz, Shelby Sommer, Lee Needham, Jane Nevriy, Craig Russell, Ray Tollison, and York. Jane Nevriy served as Chairperson and Shelby Sommer served as Vice-Chair.

ADMINISTRATION, POLICIES & GUIDELINES

The APP Board continues to devote time to identifying ways in which policies will be administered in specific projects. The board updated the art donation process this year.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The APP Board continues to seek opportunities for art in community gateways and Utility projects that support the goals of the Utility.

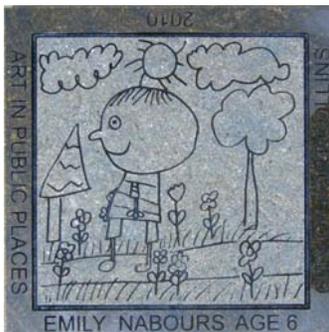
APP has been collaborating with the Downtown Development Authority on several exciting projects for the city. For more details, see "Community Outreach."

DESIGN CONSULTANT LIST

In 2009, the APP Board selected 16 visual artists to be placed on the city's Design Consultant Resource List. These Design Consultants continue to work with city departments and design teams to integrate art into city construction projects. Artists will be selected for a new Design Consultant List in 2011.

1% PROJECTS (Completed)

The APP program saw a 400% increase in production of sandblasted granite pavers this year for city walkways. Increasing in number from previous years, thirty downtown transformer cabinets were painted by local artists.



Pedestrian Pavers by Emily Nabours



Emma Mackey



Catherine Liu



Transformer Cabinet Murals by Terry McNerney



Mary Harnett



Michael Allison

- **Pedestrian Paver Project** is an ongoing project with the City's Engineering Department. This is the eighth competition for this program. The board recommended an open competition to solicit drawings from Fort Collins students' ages 3-18. Fifteen paver designs were selected, sandblasted in granite and have been placed in City sidewalks. The program has created 106 pavers to date.
- **Transformer Cabinet Mural Project** is an ongoing project in which the APP program is working with Utilities Light and Power. 2010 was the fifth year for the program. Local artists were selected to paint murals on transformer cabinets that Utilities staff identified as frequent targets of graffiti. This year, seventeen artists and one non-profit group painted murals on thirty cabinets. Ninety cabinets have been painted, overall. This project has a very high success rate at mitigating graffiti on the painted cabinets and is estimated to save the Utilities/city money in abatement costs. This project contributes to the city's economic development as visitors to the area have begun to seek out the murals as they tour the city.

1% PROJECTS (in progress)

- **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.
- **Fort Collins Discovery Museum Project** team has selected artist Ned Kahn to work with the project team from the early design stages through the completion of the project, slated for 2012.
- **Fossil Creek Water Rehab Project** team selected artist Andy Dufford to work with them on developing concepts for art for this site. The artist will install the work in 2011.
- **Lincoln Center Project** team selected artist Barbara Baer to work with them to design integrated art elements for this renovation project. The artwork will be installed in 2011.
- **Linden Streetscape Project** team selected local artist Susan Dailey from the Design Consultant Resource List to work on this project. The artist has begun meeting with the project team to develop concepts for art at this site.
- **Mason Transportation Corridor Project** team is working with the APP Program to develop the process and concepts for art to further enhance and support this project. Artist Robert Tully has been selected to work with the project team and develop art elements that are the functional components of the corridor.

The APP program is currently working on two North College projects, 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:

- **North College Entryway** is the first project. 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.
- **North College Improvement Project** is the second N. College project. Artist Andy Dufford was selected for this project from the Design Consultant Resource List. The artist has begun meeting with the project team to develop concepts for the art at this site.
- **Northside Aztlan Skatepark Mural Project** team, consisting of Northside Aztlan staff and Team Fort Collins, is working with APP staff to select an artist for this project.
- **Poudre River Wall** is a project in which both Utilities and Natural Resources staff proposed working on an APP mural. This site continues to be marked with graffiti and has become a continual maintenance issue. APP will create an open competition to select an artist for this project.
- **Water Cycle Wall Interpretive Sign and Trail Cairns** created by artist Joe McGrane, will be added to the existing Water Cycle Wall on the Spring Creek Trail, to better explain the educational site created in cooperation with the Utility Dept.

1% PROJECTS (awaiting City Council review)

- **TheCollege/Harmony Project** team selected artist Robert Tully who designed artistic elements to be incorporated into existing pedestrian lighting within the intersection's design. The project was approved by the APP board and still needs to be reviewed by City Council.
- **Water Quality Box Project** team selected artist Andy Dufford for this project from the Design Consultant Resource List. These artist designed boxes will house Utility water quality testing equipment in an educational and artistic manner. This project will need to be approved by City Council.
- **West Harmony Road Project** team from the City Engineering Department selected artist Christopher Weed to create 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.

1% PROJECTS (on hold)

- **An Old Town Location** for an iconic art piece is being considered by the APP Board. They are working toward selecting a site and defining the budget and artist selection process for this project. This project is currently on hold.
- **Pickle Plant Project** has artist Robert Tully and the project team refining the concepts for this site. This project team is 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.
- **Registry Ridge Park Project** team, from the Parks Department, has selected artist Patrick Marold to work with them on a site specific piece for this park project. The artist's concepts for this park have been approved by the APP Board. This park project is currently on hold
- **Watersway Park Project** team, from the Parks Department, selected artist Robert Tully who has been working with the team to develop concepts for this site. This park project is currently on hold.

DONATIONS

- **2010 DDA Art in Action Project** will be creating two life-size bronze sculptures that have been accepted by the APP board and City Council for donation to the city. For more information, see "Community Outreach" below.
- **DDA Pavers** were approved by the APP board for donation to the city. They are being placed in DDA's three alley enhancement projects downtown and near CSU campus.
- **EPIC** has a private donor working toward the donation of a sculpture for that facility.
- **Veteran's Plaza** private donors are working with the City's Park Planning Department to build a plaza at Spring Canyon Park and would like to gift a bronze sculpture for that site.
- **"Transcend,"** the marble sculpture formerly at the South end of Old Town Square, was accepted by the APP board and City Council as a donation to the city. The Downtown Development Authority relocated the sculpture in April, to the Southwest corner of Mason and Maple streets.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS



Tavelli Elem. students painting trash cans DDA paver in Old Firehouse Alley Art in Action: artist James Lynxwiler on left, bronze pour on right

- **Transformer Cabinet Sponsorship** is a process for individuals and businesses to donate a transformer cabinet mural to the city. The APP Program worked with Utilities to create it and will further promote this new program.
- **Trash Can Project** saw two organizations participating in this ongoing project: Tavelli Elementary School and members of CSU's professional fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi.
- The APP program promoted their Transformer Cabinet Mural Project with informational flyers at the Visitor's and Convention Bureau and the APP website.

The Art in Public Places Program continued the second year of its partnership with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA):

- **2010 Art in Action Project** is the second year in a row for this collaborative effort with DDA. This project had a local artist creating artwork in Old Town Square during the summer of 2010. Artist James Lynxwiler demonstrated the steps of creating a bronze sculpture, with the process culminating in a live bronze pour on site. Two bronze sculptures will be cast from the model Lynxwiler created and will be placed on the NE corner of Walnut and Linden Streets.
- **DDA Paver Project** is another APP collaboration with DDA. 60 kids' drawings were selected and sandblasted into granite pavers. Forty of the pavers have been placed in the DDA's completed alley enhancement projects; Montezuma Fuller Alley and Old Firehouse Alley. The third alley enhancement project will be completed in 2011.
- **Transformer Cabinet Walking Tour** was conducted by APP staff in May, through the Planning Department's Plan Van program.
- **Temporary Sidewalk Murals** were painted by students from St. Joseph School to assist the Engineering Department with a sidewalk safety issue. The students painted murals on large plywood squares that were temporarily placed in the sidewalks on the 100 block of W. Mountain Ave. The murals covered holes where trees were eventually planted.
- In February, APP staff attended a day of workshops and discussion groups for public artists hosted by the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs. Staff gave information on how to find the website and promoted upcoming APP projects.
- APP staff members continue to give support to private businesses in the community. Staff assists with providing information on processes for acquiring art and contacts with artists.
- The APP webpage, www.fcgov.com/artspublic, continues to be updated with new projects and project descriptions.
- The website includes printable maps of the Pedestrian Pavers, the Transformer Cabinet Mural Project, and APP art locations throughout the city.

PUBLICITY

The Transformer Cabinet Mural Project was featured on the **Keep America Beautiful** website.

A podcast interview with Jim Lynxwiler, the Art in Action artist, was in the Beet Street e-newsletter.

This summer, a local blogger included the Transformer Cabinet Mural project in her blog at <http://sylsome.livejournal.com/>

The Fort Collins Coloradoan printed various photos of the Art in Action project this summer.

MAINTENANCE

The program continues to maintain the APP collection, notably, dealing with the increase in graffiti that has been seen throughout the city.

A copper bat house sculpture created by artist Lynne Hull and installed in 2005 at the Drake Water Reclamation Facility Pondworks was stolen this year. Next steps are being explored.

