

## ART IN PUBLIC PLACES BOARD 2004 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 2004:*

#### Design Consultant Projects

The APP Board currently has a juried list of 10 visual artists on the city's Design Consultant Resource List. These Design Consultants work with city departments and design teams to integrate art into city construction projects.

#### 1% Projects

These projects are usually developed in conjunction with a larger construction project and 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.

The APP Board is currently working on sixteen 1% projects (city construction projects with budgets over \$250,000). The projects are listed in order of project budget amount. The largest art budget is listed first. The last four projects have art budgets less than \$10,000:

The APP Program is currently working on art projects with Utility themes. A RFP was created and artist James Haire was selected to work with the Utility team for the **Utility Service Center Entryway** project. The artwork will depict utility workers. This project is currently in the design phase.

A Utility Engineer presented the **Sheldon Lake** project to the APP Board. An open competition was held and artist Brower Hatcher was selected to work with the team on design concepts. The team is currently developing concepts for the site.

The APP Program is currently working with the Park Planning Department on the **Oak Street Plaza** project. This collaborative project will renovate the Old Town Oak Street Plaza Area. An open competition was held and artist Lawrence Argent was select to work with the team. The team is currently creating design concepts for the site.

Staff created a request for proposals for a **City Hall Water Feature** project. The water feature will be placed in the central area of the Xeriscape Garden, replacing the sculpture that is currently there. That sculpture, entitled "Solstice" will be relocated to a new site. An RFP was created and artist Richard Hansen was selected to work with a team of city employees on the specific needs for this site. The team seeks to expand the educational components of this outdoor classroom. The APP board and City Council have approved Mr. Hansen's design concept. This project is currently on hold due to recent drought conditions.

City Engineers presented the **East Prospect Road** project to the board. The APP program will advertise an open competition in 2004 to select an artist to work with the team. The team will work on a gateway piece for this site.

The Advanced 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. The Board discussed being attentive to future projects that may be gateways to the city. The City's Engineering Department updated the board on the **North College Improvement** project. An open competition will be advertised in early 2004 for an artist to work with the team to develop concepts for gateway art at this site.

APP staff created an open competition for a sculpture at the entry plaza for the **Gardens on Spring Creek**. Artist Barry Rose was selected and worked with the Gardens Design Team on specifics for the proposed sculpture for the site. The final design for the entryway piece was recommended by the APP Board and approved by City Council. It will be installed in 2004.

The Engineering Department presented an update on the **North College Improvement** project. The APP program will advertise an open competition in 2004 to select an artist to work with the team on design concepts for a gateway piece for this project.

The Transportation Planning Department presented initial plans for this project to the board. These improvements will take place on **West Elizabeth Street** between City Park and Shields. An artist will be selected by open competition for this project and will work on concepts for art at the site.

The Park Planning and Development Department brought to the board information on **Harmony Park** in Southeast Fort Collins. APP staff has coordinated a collaborative project with Preston Junior High School and Traut Core Knowledge to incorporate art into Harmony Park. The project team selected artist Jim Lynxwiler from the pre-approved Design Consultant Resource List. They created tile mosaic inserts to incorporate into the concrete walkways near the teaching circles. The artist has also developed a design for an entryway art feature that would incorporate hand-made tiles by the students.

Park Planning & Development staff reviewed the APP Design Consultant Resource List and selected artist Robert Tully to create ideas for **Soft Gold Park** in north Fort Collins. The theme of this new city park is the historic trapping industry. The artist and the team developed a concept for a sculptural element at the site. The APP Board approved the piece, which is scheduled to be installed in 2004.

Park Planning and Development presented the **Power Trail** project that would extend the bike trail from behind EPIC one mile to Drake Road. The project team selected artist David Griggs from the Design Consultant Resource List. The artist has designed three architectural elements that will be placed on ten-foot poles along this section of trail. The project was recommended by the Art in Public Places Board and will be installed in 2004.

The Park Planning Department presented the **Case Park** project to the APP Board. It was their suggestion to work with the art teachers and students at the adjoining Fort Collins High School on a collaborative project. The selected artist Jim Lynxwiler will resume his work on this park in 2004.

#### Other Projects

- The APP Program will continue to develop Utility projects that support the goals of the Utility Department.
- The Trash Can Art project for city parks will continue in 2004.

#### New Projects in 2004

Activities

- 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 expand the APP web site
- Continue to maintain the art collection