

## ART IN PUBLIC PLACES BOARD 2005 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 2005:*

#### 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 eighteen 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 three projects have art budgets less than \$10,000 and under:

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 five life-sized utility workers in bronze. The artist has sculpted three of the figures, which are in various stages of fabrication. The entryway piece will be installed in 2005.

The Utility Department presented the **Drake Water Reclamation** project to the APP Board. Through an open competition, artist Lynne Hull was selected and is currently working with the project team to develop concepts for the site.

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.

**Spring Canyon Community Park** project and the **Utility Southwest Pump Station** project were combined in an open competition. Artist Karl Ciesluk was selected and he has visited the site and is currently working with the team on the overall design of the park and concepts for the artwork.

Artist David Griggs was selected from an open competition to work with the team on the **CSU Transit Center Phase II** project. He is working with the team on the project and also concepts for art at this 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 was on hold due to drought conditions, however is under construction again and will be installed in 2005.

City Engineers presented the **East Prospect Road** project to the board. An open competition was held and the artist team of Carol May and Tim Watkins were selected to work with the team on design concepts. The team has visited the site and is currently creating design concepts for this project.

The artist team Design Tria was selected from the pre-approved Design Consultant list by the **Mason Street Transportation Corridor project** team. Another artist had originally helped define areas and opportunities for art in the corridor master plan. Design Tria is currently working with the team to develop concepts for this site.

An open competition was held, artist Joe McGrane was selected to work with the team on the **Water Cycle Wall Expansion** project. This project will expand the Utility's educational outdoor classroom. This project was approved by City Council and will be installed in 2005.

The city is currently collaborating with the Downtown Development Authority on an Old Town **Downtown Alley Project**. This project is funded by Utility money will have a utility theme. This competition is currently being advertised and the artist will be selected shortly. The artist will work with the design team to develop concepts for art at 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. Artist Howard Kalish was selected from an open competition. The artist will visit the site and start meeting with the team shortly.

Park Planning staff proposed that the Art in Public Places Program work with them and place art at the site that they are currently developing. The project team for the **Fossil Creek Trail** project interviewed artists from the APP Design Consultant list and selected artist team Design Tria.

The Utility Department distributed information to the board on opportunities for art on **Transformer Cabinets**. This project was advertised in an open competition. The artist will be selected in 2004.

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 School to incorporate art into Harmony Park. The project team selected artist Jim Lynxwiler from the pre-approved Design Consultant Resource List. They installed tile mosaic inserts 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.

Utility staff presented the APP Board with a project for **Conservation Themed Benches** that help promote the Utilities educational goals. The project team interviewed artists from the APP Design Consultant list and selected artist Barb McKee (Surface Strategy, LLC). She will start meeting with the team to develop concepts for this project.

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 artist has been on hold waiting for the second phase of Case Park. The selected artist Jim Lynxwiler will resume his work on this park in 2005

A city engineer presented ideas for projects that could be incorporated into city sidewalks. The board recommended an open competition to solicit drawings from Fort Collins students ages 3-18. The APP program is currently advertising the **2005 Pedestrian Paver** competition and will select drawings in early 2005. Up to 15 designs will be selected and be sandblasted into granite pavers. This will be the third year for this program.

#### 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 2005.

#### New Projects in 2005

- Northside Atzlan Center
- Police Facilities
- Pedestrian Accessibility 2006

- Huidekoper Park
- Providence Town

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 APP art collection
- Create a memorial catalogue