


PUBLIC ART



Meridian Arts Commission

Overview

- What is Public Art?
- Benefits of Public Art
- Types of Public Art
- Connecting with Parks Plan
- Planning for Public Art
- Funding Sources
- Timeline
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Grove St. Illuminated and Boise Canal

Artist: Amy Westover

What is Public Art?



**“Nomade” by Jaume Plensa
Gateway Park, Des Moines, Iowa**

- It is commissioned by a very public process
- Public money funds the creation of the art piece
- It is associated with a sense of longevity.

Why Public Art?

- Public art is a true symbol of a city's maturity.
- It increases a community's assets
- Expresses a community's sense of identity and values.
- Helps green space thrive



“Journeys of the Imagination”
Gary Lee Price
\$25,000

Why Public Art?

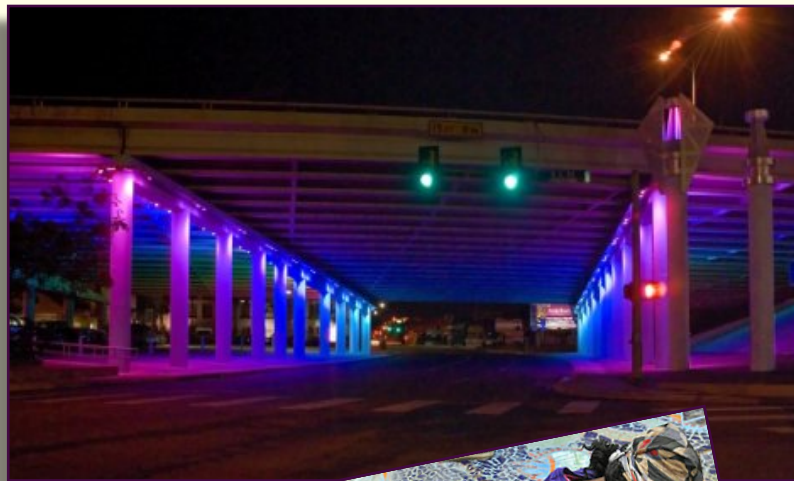
- Enhances roadsides, walkways, and community gateways
- Public art can knit communities together
- A well-designed public space can boost real estate values
- Creates opportunities for small local business to thrive



A city with public art is a city that thinks, feels & grows!

Types of Public Art

Artist: Bill Fitz Gibbons



- **Sculpture:** in the round, relief, mobiles, electronic works, light works; figurative, abstract, statuary
- **Mosaics** including engravings, carvings, frescoes
- **Fountain & water elements**
- **Fine art crafts:** clay, fiber (tapestries), textiles, wood, metal, plastics, stained glass

Types of Public Art

- **Mixed-media video and computer-generated works, collage, photography**
- **Installations**
- **Earthworks and environmental artworks**



Desert Passages : 1 mile long exercise trail that features 10 sculptural passages made from native boulders and natural elements.

Artist: Roger Asay and Rebecca Davis

Location: Lookout Mountain Park, Phoenix

Funding: Parks, Recreation and Library Department, CIP bond funds

Artist Contract Amount: \$18,000

Types of Public Art



Jack Mackie *Dancers' Series: Steps*

Funding Source

Engineering Department (now part of Seattle Public Utilities) 1% for Art and private businesses in the Broadway Local Improvement District

- **Decorative & ornamental elements** designed by an artist
- **Murals, drawings, and paintings;** and
- **Monuments**

Types of Public Art



River of Trees
Judith and Daniel Caldwell

- **Architecturally Integrated**
- **Functional elements** designed by an artist

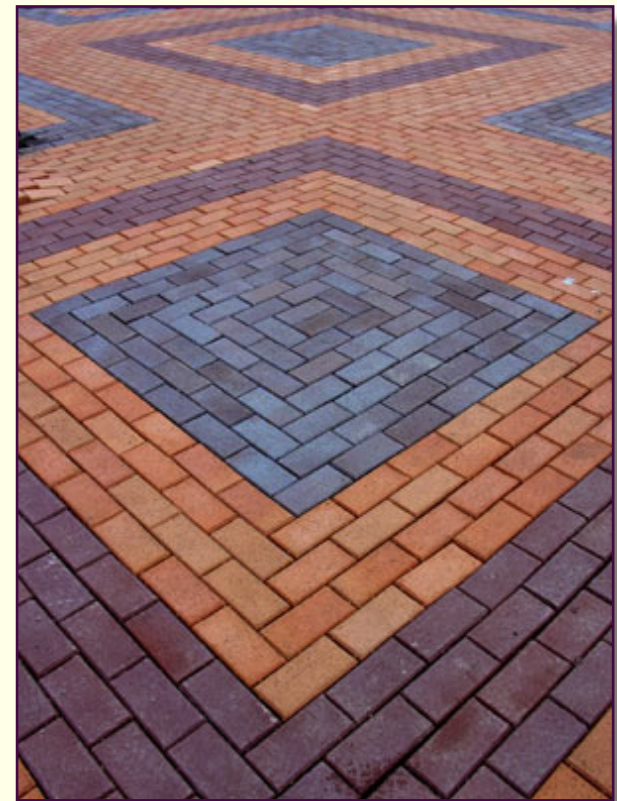


Hazen Audel
Coeur d'Alene Bench Project

Public Art Connects with Downtown

Art Interventions

- Residential Pathway
- Rail-with-Trail Pathway
- Urban Pathways
- Innovative Pathway Features
- Innovative Roadside Pathways
- Streetscape improvements
- Signage
- Bollards
- Landscaping
- Fencing



Artist Stewart Wong
Sammamish Park-and-Ride lot

Planning for Public Art

Defining the Scope

- Public art context
- Site opportunities
- Administration operation
- Funding sources
- Community involvement
- Artist selection and project review
- Maintenance



Cloud Gate by Anish Kapoor
Chicago, IL

Planning for Public Art

Identifying Partners

- Artists
- Architects and planners
- Arts and cultural organizations
- Neighborhood associations
- Social service agencies
- Business groups
- Community activists
- Educational institutions
- Elected officials



Artist: Lawrence Argent
Colorado Convention Center, Denver

Planning for Public Art

Funding Sources

- Percent for Art Ordinance
- CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) Bond Funds
- Private development
- Incentives to encourage voluntary participation
- 501c3 tax free fund-raising
- Foundation grants
- State & city governments

Artist David Byrne – NYC Bike Rack



Planning for Public Art

Timeline

- Criteria, site plans, timeline, assignments and visit to site
- Call to Artists
- Artists' applications and materials must be received for consideration.
- Public Art Committee determination of five finalists for consideration.
- Finalists create proposals
- Public comment
- Coordinate installation with City
- Dedication ceremony



Orchard School Fencing, Cleveland, OH

Public Art Resources

- Meridian Arts Commission
- Idaho Commission on the Arts
- National Endowment for the Arts
- Project for Public Spaces
- Western States Art Federation





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Best in Show 2009
Art Around the Corner
"Untitled Flower"
Michael Sneller
Iowa City, IA

