

## Donation of Public Art for Placement within the City

The working group assisting the *Donation of Public Art for Placement within the City* met January 23 at 1pm at Café Verde in the Peoples Food Coop. John Kotarski and Allison Buck attended.

There is an existing donation form on the city's art commission website that was created three years ago to facilitate donations. Generally, it intends to identify the type of art, the professional reputation of the artist, the community support for the donation and placement, and the legacy cost attached to the donation. (See attached)

The working group discussed how Ann Arbor might leverage its resources (demographic profile and public space) to attract artists who could be persuaded to donate a work of art either permanently or temporarily.

John was tasked to reach out to Maryann Wilkinson who was the longtime curator of the contemporary collection at the Detroit Institute of Arts and the University of Michigan Museum of Art, to explore options. Maryann is now the executive director of the Scarab Club in Detroit.

The city's website regarding donations and suggestions do not seem connected to the linked form. John does not recall these specific forms being discussed or approved by the art commission. (see attached)

(From website)

### Get involved

Support local art projects with a [donation](#), help to organize a neighborhood public art project, volunteer to serve on an AAPAC sub-committee or [offer suggestions for public art themes and locations](#). If you'd like to suggest location, or concept, ideas for public art that the city could commission, please send an email to [vharrison@a2gov.org](mailto:vharrison@a2gov.org) or write to us at:

Ann Arbor Public Art Commission (AAPAC)  
c/o Public Services Administration  
PO Box 8647  
Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8647

**Recommendation:** further discussion is needed to make specific recommendations

# Public Art Donation

The City of Ann Arbor welcomes offers to donate artwork, which are considered on a case-by-case basis. As a municipal body, the City must consider a variety of factors in determining whether to accept a donation of artwork, including availability of a suitable location, durability, maintenance costs, ownership, and intellectual property rights, among others. City staff and the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission will review offers to donate artwork based on the information provided in this form, so please make sure all questions are answered and provide as much detail as possible. If the donation is determined to be appropriate, it will be submitted to a vote of City Council, which must approve the donation. If you have any questions, please email: [vharrison@a2gov.org](mailto:vharrison@a2gov.org)

## Contact information:

Ann Arbor Public Art Commission  
City of Ann Arbor  
Public Services Admin - City Hall 6th Flr  
301 E. Huron Street, PO Box 8647  
Ann Arbor, MI 48107  
Fax: 734-994-1816

## Your Information

First Name

Last Name

Phone Number

E-mail address

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State

Zip

## Description of Artwork

Is the artwork currently owned and under full control of the artist who created it?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If not, please describe

Is the artist who created it willing to sign a donation agreement, including a waiver of rights under the Visual Artists' Rights Act?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Name of Artwork

Artist

Title of Artwork

Year Created

Overall Description

Size (height, width, depth, weight)

Detailed description of materials

Estimate of the total value of the materials

Physical condition of the artwork

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor

Description of any foundation or other structure required for installation, mounting, or display

Is the artwork appropriate for placement outdoors?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Detailed description of anticipated maintenance for at least 20 years, including maintenance intervals, appropriate techniques, necessary materials, estimated cost of materials and labor, estimated time for each maintenance activity.

Proposed location (s), if any

Other relevant information

Name of Donor

Submit

# Public Art Proposal

Ann Arbor Public Art Commission is an advisory body to the City Council with the goal to improve the esthetic quality of public spaces, provide cultural opportunities, contribute to local heritage, and promote the general welfare of our community. We welcome ideas and projects that serve those goals. We are not a source of funding and any proposed project should address the plan for funding. However, we can provide visibility and feedback for proposals submitted and, if municipal space is a part of your project, city ordinance requires you to seek our recommendations first. This form will help you shape your ideas so that typical questions relative to permission for use of public spaces are answered. If you have any questions, please email: [vharrison@a2gov.org](mailto:vharrison@a2gov.org)

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Name of Project

Date

Name of group, department, or individual submitting proposal

Contact Information

Project Goals

Preferred Location

Anticipated Site Requirements

Type of Media

Is there a projected size for this piece? If yes, what are the dimensions?

Describe the project

How will the project be fabricated

Describe the qualifications of the artist or artist team

What is the project budget and source of funding

Describe the community support for the project



What is the timeline for the project

Describe the maintenance for the project

Submit