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ANN ARBOR PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Ann Arbor City Council

From: Ann Arbor Public Art Commission (AAPAC)

Subject: Ann Arbor Public Art Commission Report and Recommendations for 2008-2009 Annual Public Art Plan

Date: May 30, 2008

Ann Arbor Public Art Commission 2008-2009 Public Art Plan

BACKGROUND

On November 5, 2007, the Mayor and City Council of Ann Arbor adopted an ordinance establishing a Percent for Art Program through the City of Ann Arbor Public Art Ordinance, Section 1:238 of Chapter 8 Title 1, and added a new Chapter 24 to Title 1 of the City Code to be directed by the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission. The City of Ann Arbor, recognizing the importance of promoting art in government spaces and facilities, and determining that public art will improve the aesthetic quality of public spaces and structures, has enacted a percent for art ordinance to foster a sustained commitment to public art. The City of Ann Arbor has identified the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission to be responsible for oversight of implementation of public art projects funded through the Ordinance.

Public art funds, whether accrued from the Public Art Fund or from the municipal Capital Improvement Project list, will be used for the improvement of the aesthetic quality of public spaces and structures, provide for cultural and recreational opportunities, contribute to local heritage, stimulate economic activity, and promote the general welfare of the community.

Percent for Art Program administration will be funded through the City of Ann Arbor. Professional staff will manage all projects funded through the Percent for Art Ordinance and the Public Art Fund.

FY 2008-2009 CIP PERCENT FOR ART PROJECTS

The Ann Arbor Public Art Commission has received and reviewed the City of Ann Arbor's Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Appropriations for the FY 2008 and Projected Appropriations for the FY 2009. Based on our review of the established CIP of 2008 and the proposed CIP for 2009, CAPP recommends that the following project(s) be applicable for Percent for Art funding, in order of priority.

- Police/Courts/City Hall Building art installations located within the interior and the exterior to this capital improvement project.
- Streetscape art installations located within selected sites of the central business district.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Ann Arbor Public Art Commission met on May 13, 2008, and unanimously approved and voted to recommend that the Ann Arbor City Council adopt the above Annual Public Art Plan for 2008-2009.