



**City of Ann Arbor**  
**Meeting Minutes - Final**  
**Ann Arbor Public Art Commission**

301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Wednesday, October 2, 2024

7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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**ROLL CALL**

**Present - A Neal, Z Fang, S Grillet, J Kotarski, S Fuller, M Porter, and CM Harrison**

**Absent - J Bufford, and M Thiefels**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Welcome; DDA Placemaking Team -*

*Amber Miller, Capital Projects and Planning Manager*

*Sandra Andrade, Program Specialist*

*Hannah Kirkpatrick, Ann Arbor Art Center - Art in Public Director*

*Down Town Development seeks an AAPAC Commissioner willing to volunteer on the selection committees for upcoming projects. One person for the next three projects or three different people.*

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*Presentation for the Elevate - Public Art and Placement Program.*

*Discussion on the planned projects for 2026 and 2024-2025*

*DDA is focused on enhancement an building a resilient and thriving downtown through infrastructure investments. Program funded by the Tax Increment Financing (TIP). Elevate Program funds public art and placement installations that will enhance the downtown experience.*

*Elevate Program will include Capital Project funding for art and place mining with 1% TIP construction budget and an annual budget for installation to fill a placemaking gap will be capital projects and with each of the project moving forward it will be 1% alone with an annual budget.*

*Annual budget for installation to full a placemaking gap:*

*\$125k from TIP annual for public art installations in 2024*

*\$50k from parking annually for parking systems to begin in 2025*

*Most of the DDA procurement will be consistent with the City Procumbent policy - utilizing standard City contract s for installation and maintenance; Calls for Entry, Open Submissions (limited funding) and Sole Source and Off the shelf programming. Call for art projects with selection committees with organizations and d local residents. Committee will be specific in reviewing proposals and providing a recommendation to DDA staff for Installations under \$75K or Boards for installations over \$75K. Some projects will utilize selection committees to narrow down options before the next step of a broader community vote or survey. AAPAC commissioners could be part of the committees.*

*Upcoming Projects -*

*^Large Mural (\$234,000) - Planned for 2026 Along the transit corridor of 4th Ave and Liberty with a focus on color, interest and play. Looking to offer some level of screening on the Parking structure.*

*^Annual Installations -*

*Kick off year there will be flexibility with the funding; started saving earlier in the year. Started saving early and have a little over \$535,000 programming along with money set aside for maintenance.*

*^Elevate Permanent Installations -*

*Three year of funding for permanent installations for FY24 - FY26 at a cost of \$354,000.*

*Project -*

*Mural at Liberty Plaza*

*Sunshade at farmer Market Plaza*

*Way Finding at Ann/Ashley to Kerrywod'Farmers Market*

*Interactive Art 9TFD) o South University*

*Scavenger Hunt Art - Throughout Downtown*

*^Mural - DDA (share cost of \$17,500)*

*Liberty Plaza - Introduce energy and encourage programming and activity. Balance the sunken design of the plaza. Call for Art of October 19th - December 1st. Three levels and height changes with walls and radiating out into the center of the plaza. new planter boxes to be installed in the Fall Summer of 2025*

*Sunshade in Farmers Marker Plaza - Increase the share in the plaza so that people will spend more time here. Call open and will close September will close October 20th. National and Local call for artists including City of Detroit.*

*Way Finding and Place Making (\$150,000)*

*Connect the Ann/Ashley Paring structure and Miller AveeBikewas to the Kerrytown neighborhood. Avoid design approach. Schuplture graphic designers, architects and muralist and installation artist. Groundword as a way finding technique.*

*Permanent Interactive Installation (\$50,000)*

*Encourage families and new neighborhoods residents to visit existing U-M student population. Design TBP*

**Special Presentation -DDA Placemaking Program**

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

*IT beginning to work on adding a new art tour for the Historical Markers.  
This will mean (2) separate public art tour on our webpage.*

**Approved as presented**

**REPORT FROM STAFF**

**Approved as presented**

**REPORT FROM COMMITTEES**

*Business Owners + Developers Work Group  
Capital Improvement Project Group  
Communication Work Group & Outreach Group  
Fundraising Work Group  
Leadership and Art Placement Work Group  
Special Projects Work Group  
Nominations-Leadership Review Work Group*

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