

Special Meeting Agenda
February 24, 2022 at 12:30 pm
Columbus Art Commission
Coleman Building, 111 N. Front Street, room 204

I. Call to order

- **Next Commission Hearing:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 4:30pm at the Coleman Administration Building, 111 N. Front Street, Community Hearing Room 204
- **Swear in Staff and Applicants**

II. Approval of minute from last meeting: December 15, 2021

III. Return Application

IV. CAC #21-12 -01

Art Project: Current

Applicant: Edwards Companies LLC, Applicant

Location: Downtown Columbus, over the Intersection of N. High Street and Gay Street

Artist: Janet Echelman

The CAC granted conditional approval of the design and placement of the artwork *Current* on 12-15-21 and has returned with additional project information to request final design and placement approval.

The project is still undergoing Right of Way review with the Department of Public Service. The Applicant is also seeking to secure final project approvals from the Downtown Commission and Historic Resources Commission for the attachments needed to secure the artwork to the anchor buildings.

In January 2020, the Edwards Companies engaged artist, Janet Echelman, to design a signature sculpture to be suspended above the intersection of Gay and N. High Streets in Downtown Columbus. In cooperation with DeVere LLC and the Day Companies, owners of the buildings east of N. High Street, Studio Echelman and Edwards LLC have spent the past 18 months developing the site-specific sculpture titled *Current*.

Inspired by local history and the river, *Current* promises to be a dramatic addition to Columbus' public art scene and a regional draw combining vibrant colors and dramatic night-time illumination. The piece will be created out of supported structural netting.

Commission Action Requested: Motion to approve the design and placement of the artwork, *Current*, over the intersection of Gay and N. High Street in Downtown Columbus, per CC3115.04 (B).

V. New Application

CAC # 22-02-01

Art Project: Weaving Intersections

Applicant: Marcia Armstrong

Location: Schiller Park Pond

Artist: Marcia Armstrong

Artist, Marcia Armstrong, is proposing a temporary environmental artwork that will be installed in the pond at Schiller Park in the vicinity of the bridge. She has secured the support of the Friends of Schiller Park and is working with the Recreation and Parks Department (CRPD). CRPD will work on a Memorandum of Understanding with the artist once CAC approval is secured. The artist has held successful gallery shows and completed environmental art installations at OSU's Chadwick Arboretum. Her art uses natural, native materials.

Commission Action Requested:

Motion to approve the design and placement of the temporary artwork, *Weaving Intersections*, to be floated in the pond at Schiller Park

CAC # 22-02-01

Art Project: Starling Garage

Applicant: Amanda Golden, Managing Principal, Designing Local, Ltd.

Owner: City of Columbus, Department of Public Service/Parking

Location: Starling Garage, Starling Street, Scioto Peninsula

Artists: Multiple

Applicants were last before the CAC at the September 15, 2021 hearing to discuss the Sterling garage project. At that time, the CAC supported the art plan, artist call and proposed placement locations for artwork on the city-owned Starling Garage. Designing Local has returned with artist proposals for three murals and one artwork. The budget for the entire project is \$250,000. Lisa McLymont served on the Artist Selection Committee. Applicants request final design and placement approval.

Commission Action Requested: Motion to approve the design and placement of the four artist proposals for the Starling Garage, as outlined in the submitted application materials.

CAC# 21-07-02

Art Project: Olentangy Trail Mural Project

Applicant: Harrison West Art – Harrison West Society

Location: Retaining wall at the 315 north tunnel along the Olentangy trail head , near the intersection of Third Ave. and Olentangy River Road

Artist: Ashley Pierce

At the July 2021 hearing, the CAC gave unanimous approval to design and placement of the mural proposal (#4) by artist, Ashley Pierce. However, the Ohio Department of Transportation, although supportive, did not want any of the mural design to be visible to vehicles traveling on I-315. Applicants have returned to request design approval of the revised mural design. The redesign was isolated to the western portion of the mural design.

Commission Action Requested: motion to approve the revised mural proposal as submitted by Harrison West Art/Harrison West Society as shown in the submitted application materials.

VI. Preliminary Project Discussion - none

VII. New Business

- a) None

VIII. Old Business

- a) **Christopher Columbus Statue Committee (CCSC)**
update
- b) **New Public Artwork for the Downtown City Campus**
update

IX. Commissioner Comment

X. Adjournment

The in person meetings will now also be livestreamed on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofcolumbus>.

Applicants or their representatives must attend this hearing, for new and continued applications for Certificates of Appropriateness. If applicants are absent it is likely that the application will be continued until the Commission's next hearing. Meeting Accommodations: It is the policy of the City of Columbus that all City-sponsored public meetings and events are accessible to people with disabilities. If you need assistance in participating in this meeting or event due to a disability as defined under the ADA, please call the City's ADA Coordinator at (614) 645-8871, or email zdjones@columbus.gov, at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled meeting or event to request an accommodation.