

# Woodville: Roots of Woodville Community Garden

## Barry O'Keefe Open Inbox - Public Art for Richmond Neighborhoods

## **Project Overview**

*Open Inbox* is a series of hand carved wooden sculptures, each designed for a different neighborhood. These sculptures function both as reverent monuments to neighborhood history and identity, and as functional community message boards and meeting points. Each sculpture is paired with an edition of 100 handmade invitations. Following installation, these invitations will be distributed to neighbors surrounding each installation site, announcing the sculpture and inviting them to use it.

Four pieces in this series have already been installed in Richmond. Documentation of that work may be seen <u>here</u>.

I am seeking permission to install a new piece in the series at the Roots of Woodville Community Garden in Richmond's East End at the intersection of Tate St. and N. 28th.

## **Project Timeline and Duration:**

August 2018 - As soon as final permissions are given by the PAC, I will arrange a time to install with D

Immediately following the installation of each piece, invitations will be distributed by hand to neighbors surrounding each installation site.

This project is intended to continue for 3-5 years from the time of installation.

## Maintenance Plan:

All maintenance for these works will remain the responsibility of the artist for the full project duration. For the duration of the project, the artist will perform bi-monthly site visits to each piece to perform routine maintenance, and check for any damage or needed repairs.

In the event that the sculptures are damaged or vandalized, it will be the responsibility of the artist to clean, repair, or remove the sculpture, if the damage is irreparable.

In the event that complaints are received about offensive or inappropriate postings in one of the message boards, it will be the responsibility of the artist, or a community sponsor, to remove these postings. Following installation, I will seek community sponsors, through my existing relationship with local neighborhood associations, to assume this responsibility.

# **Durability:**

Each box is constructed of solid hardwoods with wood joinery designed to expand and contract with temperature and moisture. The wood is treated with stains, oils and marine-grade spar urethane that make it resistant to rot, U.V. damage and moisture. The sculptures have watertight roofs which effectively shed water.



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**RE: Woodville Community Garden Public Art** 

Dear Mr. O'Keefe,

The City of Richmond, Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities (PRCF) is excited to provide this letter of commitment in support of the new piece of sculpture at the Roots of Woodville Community Garden. I understand that you have been working with Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities staff to identify a location at the community garden to install the art piece. I am approving this location, pending final approval from the Public Arts Commission and Planning and Development Review.

We look forward to future collaborations with you.

Sincerely,

Deborah E. Morton Deputy Director







