



CITY OF RICHMOND

Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

PAC 2020-001: Section 17.05 Review of a temporary public art installation in the Shockoe Bottom neighborhood in the form of drain art murals to promote awareness of storm water drains and water quality for the James River.

To: City Planning Commission
From: Public Art Commission
Date: April 20, 2020

PETITIONER

Jenn Clarke, City of Richmond, Department of Public Utilities

LOCATION

Shockoe Bottom

PURPOSE

To use creative ways to promote awareness of storm water drains and their relationship to water quality in the James River (per Section 17.05 of the City Charter)

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

The city of Richmond's Storm Water Utility MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) program is responsible for educating citizens about storm water and the harmful effects of pollution, bacteria and unwanted nutrients in the rainwater runoff. Temporary murals on storm water drains is one of several annual programs undertaken to enhance public awareness of the City's efforts to help everyone adopt clean storm water habits.

Participants are given a small stipend (\$400) for their work. More information can be found on the city's website RVAH20.org. DPU will be responsible for the installation and maintenance of the murals.

CORRELATION TO PUBLIC ART MASTER PLAN

- Strategic alliance with another City of Richmond department (p 7 & 8)
- Involves temporary "commissions" (p 8)
- Encourages community-based involvement in a public art project (p 7 & 8)

Recommendation: On February 27, 2020 the Public Art Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the project.

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