



CITY OF RICHMOND

Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

Section 17.05 Review: Approval of a temporary public art installation in the Scott's Addition neighborhood in the form of drain art murals to promote awareness of storm water drains and water quality for the James River.

To: Planning Commission
From: Public Art Commission
Date: May 6, 2019

PETITIONER

Jonét Prevost-White, City of Richmond, Department of Public Utilities

PROJECT LOCATION

Scott's Addition

PROJECT PURPOSE

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

Background: 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. DPU will be responsible for the maintenance and installation of the murals. More information can be found on the city's website RVAH20.org.

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 April 25, 2019 the Public Art Commission voted to recommend approval of the Scott's Addition Storm Drain Art Project with the condition that an alternative mural may be selected for the storm drain located at Leigh Street & Highpoint Avenue. Department of Public Works Staff has since selected an alternative mural for this site. Staff therefore recommends approval of the final selection of murals as presented to the Planning Commission.

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