



CITY OF RICHMOND

Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

To: Public Art Commission
From: Ellyn Parker, Staff
Date: May 17, 2018

PETITIONER

Ellyn Parker, Secretary to the Public Art Commission, 804-646-1110

LOCATION

Cary Street at Belmont and Sheppard (map attached)

PURPOSE

Section 17.05 Review to approve a temporary public art installation in the form of drain art murals to promote awareness of storm water drains and water quality for the James River

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

Background: The city of Richmond's Storm water Utility MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) program is responsible for the public education of its citizens about storm water and the harmful effects of pollution, bacteria and unwanted nutrients in the rainwater runoff. Each year the city's outreach program performs a variety of activities to help increase public awareness of all of the different habits people can adopt to help keeps storm water clean. We have a rain barrel painting competition with RPS, drain marking program, "pick up the poop" campaign, "only rain in the drain" campaign, "It's your River" billboards, as well as hosting stream and tire clean ups, and attending civic meetings in local neighborhoods through the year.

Purpose: The drain art project is a way to bring fun creative storm water awareness to residents of the city.

Artists will be given a small stipend for the art work. More information can be found on the city's website RVAH20.org

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of this project. DPU will be responsible for the maintenance and installation of the murals.

Attachments- (Location Map and Art proposed)