



# CITY OF RICHMOND

## Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

**a2018-3678:** Section 17.05 Review of DPU Storm Drain Art Project

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**To:** Planning Commission  
**From:** Ellyn Parker, Staff to Public Art Commission  
**Date:** June 4, 2018

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### **PETITIONER**

Jonet Prevost-White, Department of Public Utilities

### **LOCATION**

West Cary Street at South Belmont Avenue and South Sheppard Street

### **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

The Department of Public Utilities will be responsible for the maintenance and installation of the murals.

### **Recommendation:**

On May 24, 2018 the Public Art Commission voted to recommend approval of this Section 17.05 Review item.

Staff recommends approval of this Section 17.05 Review item.

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