



## PLANNING & ZONING STAFF REPORT

**BOARD/COMMISSION:** Fishers Arts & Culture Commission  
**DATE:** July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
**STAFF:** Tony Bagato, Director

The purpose of this report is to seek approval of new art projects for 2020-2021 based on the available funds for Arts & Culture in the City of Fishers. As provided in a previous email, the City has provided additional funds based on an Economic Development agreement. Based on the funding that is currently available, staff is recommending the follow projects and cost amount:

<b>Art &amp; Cultural Commission Money</b>	<b>\$460,853.00</b>
<b>Signature Projects</b>	
Gateway Feature	\$275,000.00
Library / NPT Interactive Art Piece	\$100,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$375,000.00</b>
<b>Quick Action Projects</b>	
Edge Parking Garage Banners	\$30,000.00
Police Station Mural	\$25,000.00
Holland Park – Art Features	\$18,000.00
Electrical Boxes	\$10,000.00
Social Justice Temporary Art	\$2,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$85,000.00</b>
<b>Total Remaining</b>	<b>\$853.00</b>

A more detailed description with examples are provided below.

## Signature Projects

### Gateway Feature - \$275,000

The goal of this project is to provide a signature art project along 116<sup>th</sup> Street to identify that this area as the Arts & Cultural District. In 2018, City staff was working with an artist to provide us with design guidelines for the I-69 and SR-37 corridor. The specific art provided for 116<sup>th</sup> Street is provided below.



- Includes 5-7 sculptures in corten steel - graduated heights from 15 ft to 9 ft.
- Sculptures have laser cut design features and are internally lit. Frosted acrylic panels can be incorporated internally so when lit at night, they glow.
- Includes foundations, installation, lighting, light controller, acrylic panels.
- Landscaping not included.

There are two (2) options with this project. The City can work directly with the artist for the specific project described above or the City can work with Nickel Plate Arts to seek other art proposals based on the same monetary budget amount. That process would involve a Request for Qualification (RFQ) and the future artist/art will be selected by the Nickel Plate District Cultural Designation Subcommittee.

## Library/Nickel Plate Trail - \$100,000

The goal of this project is to provide a significant art project along the Nickel Plate Trail in coordination with the Hamilton County Public Library. Staff has reached out to the Library and they are very supportive of the project. In addition, they are hopeful to have funding that would match in kind the amount that the City is willing to provided. The Library is in the process of redesigning the entrance and creating an outdoor plaza that will tie into the Nickel Plate Trail. The renovation is expected to begin this fall and should be ready for the art project in late spring or early summer of 2021. This project would create a public gathering place along the trail and provide a great sense of place in connection with the Library. Below is an example from the Nickel Plate Trail Design Schematic.



## Quick-Action Projects

### Edge Parking Garage Banners - \$30,000

In 2016/2017, the City installed art banners on the east side of the Edge Garage along 116<sup>th</sup> Street. Money was provided to three (3) different artist to display throughout the year on a rotating basis. After several years of use, staff believes these banners will need to be replaced this year or next. With this amount, staff believes we can provide two (2) new sets of banners that could be used in rotation for several years. However, this project can also be funded from next year's budget, if desired.



### Nickel Plate District Garage Mural - \$25,000

The Nickel Plate Trail Master Plan identified the back of the Fishers Police Station as a location for future art along the trail. This portion of the trail will be open this year and the Police Station is already constructed. This project can be implemented right of way and would go through the Nickel Plate District Cultural Designation Subcommittee for approval.



### Holland Park - Art - \$18,000

Holland Park is located within the Arts & Cultural District and is a significant park for the City. With the money provided this year, staff believes this is a great opportunity to introduce some interactive art in the park. Staff is looking to provide funding for some interactive music art or some sculptural seating options. This project can be implemented right of way and would go through the Nickel Plate District Cultural Designation Subcommittee for approval.



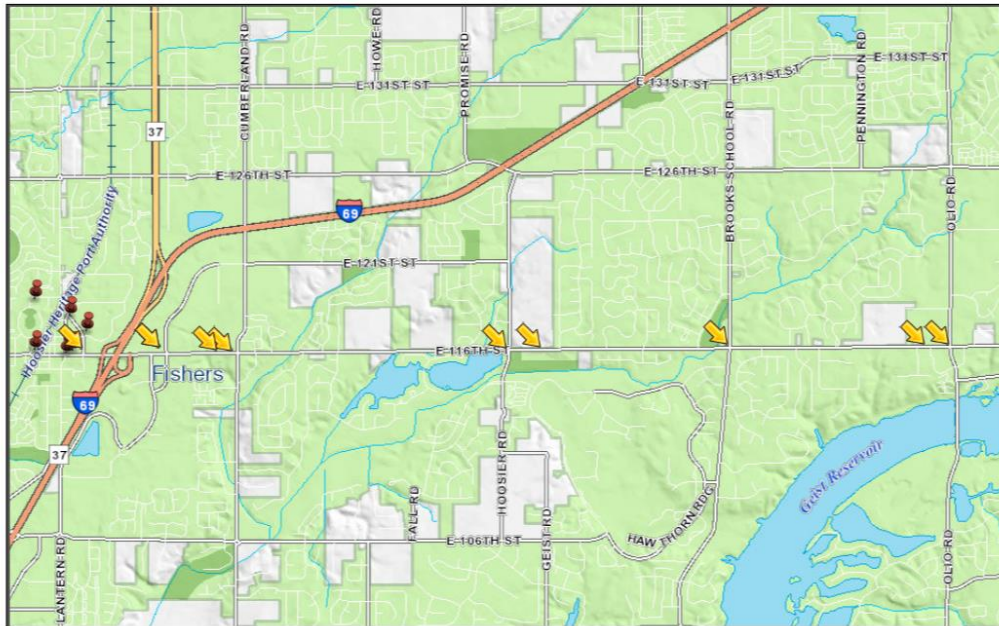
### Utility Boxes - \$10,000

Starting in 2016, the Fishers Art Council partnered with the City to seek out artist to paint City owned equipment cabinets. These eight (8) utility boxes are currently located throughout the Nickel Plate District including artwork by Travis Neal, Jen Byler, William Denton Ray and more. The existing electrical boxes have been an innovated

way to activate existing non-traditional canvases that add to the vibrancy of the downtown. This proposal would add four (4) to six (6) more painted electrical boxes along high-volume corridors like 116<sup>th</sup> Street. This project can be implemented right of way and would go through the Nickel Plate District Cultural Designation Subcommittee for approval.



Potential Locations along 116th Street



**Social Justice Temporary Art - \$2,000**

Israel Solomon & Koda Witsken are hoping to create a two-panel mural that will highlight an important black cultural figure’s portrait. This idea is meant to support social justice for people of color. Israel and Koda are seeking support by at least three (3) cities to display the project. Specific costs to each city will be determined by the number of cities involved, exhibition schedule, and installation requirements. An attached brochure is provided for your reference.