

Civic Arts Commission Public Art Committee Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

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Agenda

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 3. CHAIR'S REPORT
- 4. <u>DISCUSSION ITEMS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION</u>

- a) Aquatic Park Public Art Project Plan. (Attachment 1)
- b) Marina Circle at Spinnaker Way Sculpture Update. (Attachment 2)
- c) Design Development of Mildred Howard's artwork for Adeline Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way. (Attachment 3)
- d) Homelessness Social Practice Art Project Plan (Attachment 4)
- e) Plinth design for Queen Shamirum sculpture. (Attachment 5)

5. STAFF REPORT

6. ADJOURNMENT

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Civic Arts Program

AQUATIC PARK PUBLIC ART PROJECT PLAN



BACKGROUND

Located in the southwest corner of Berkeley, Aquatic Park is a long linear 100-acre park between Ashby and University Avenues. The lagoon, which makes up 67.7 acres of the park, has two water sources- tidal water from San Francisco bay and fresh water from storm water that drains into the lagoon. The park provides a wide range of recreational opportunities including, walking, biking, picnicking, boating, bird watching and Frisbee golf. Swimming and fishing are not allowed.

Aquatic Park was constructed between 1935 and 1937 by the Works Progress Administration (WPA). It was built as part of the Berkeley Waterfront Project along with the construction of the Bayshore Highway and Yacht Harbor. Tide gates were constructed to help keep the water level constant in Aquatic Park Lake. A citywide celebration entitled "Pageant of the Land and Sea" was held on May 7, 1937, to formally dedicate the park for public use.

Aquatic Park Lake was designed to conform to international standards for Model Yacht Racing, and in 1938 both the National and Pacific Coast Regatta for M-class Boats were held at the park.

Through the years, community participation has played a key role in the development of various features at Aquatic Park. Most recently, over 2,000 volunteers, organized through Friends of Aquatic Park and Berkeley Partners for Parks, participated in creating "Dream Land for Kids," a fantasy playground designed by Berkeley school children under the guidance of architect Robert Leathers and Associates.

ART OPPORTUNITIES

Bay Trail (70,000):

This opportunity is for an artist to translate twodimensional imagery to tile, mosaic, or other permanent material.

A large curved wall located along the San Francisco Bay Trail, near the intersection of Addison Street and Bolivar Drive. Wall dimensions are approximately 42.5' long x 3.5' high x 2' deep.

Aquatic Park Trail (\$350,000):

This opportunity is for an artist to create a series of permanent, sculptural artworks at various locations along Aquatic Park Trail and Bolivar Drive.

Aquatic Park Trail is a 2.3-mile pedestrian and bicycle path that loops around the park's lagoon.

Bolivar Drive between Addison Street to Dreamland Playground in Aquatic Park is undergoing a renovation in conjunction with the development at 600 Addison Street.





PROJECT GOALS

The goals for the artwork are to enhance a visitor's experience of Aquatic Park by beautifying its context, reflecting the multi-layered history of the site, and highlighting its ecological importance.

PROJECT BUDGET

Bay Trail (artist fee, design, fabrication, transportation + installation)	\$70,000
Aquatic Park Trail (artist fee, design, fabrication,	\$350,000
transportation, installation)	
Artist Selection	\$10,000
Photography and Plaques	\$8,000
Contingency	\$32,000
TOTAL	\$470,000

ARTIST RECRUITMENT APPROACH AND ELIGIBILITY

Civic Arts staff will issue an RFQ for each of the two opportunities. Practicing artists residing in the United States are eligible to apply.

ARTIST REVIEW PROCESS

Civic Arts staff will review applications to identify a list of artists who meet the criteria outlined in the RFQ.

This list of artists will be presented to the Aquatic Park Public Art Review Panel consisting of 2 arts professionals, a Civic Arts Commissioner, a Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commissioner, and a community representative. The panel will identify 3-4 finalists for each opportunity who will be invited to develop conceptual site-specific proposals after attending an orientation session with the project team and key stakeholders.

Finalists will be paid an honorarium of \$1,000 for development of a proposal.

The Panel will reconvene to consider the finalists' proposals in an interview format and will select 1 artist for each opportunity for recommendation to the Civic Art Commission for final approval.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Civic Arts staff will present an overview of the Project Plan to the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission.
- A Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commissioner will participate on the Panel.
- A community representative will participate on the Panel.
- The finalists' proposals will be on display for public comment near the project site and on the Civic Arts website for two weeks prior to the final Panel meeting.
- All Commission meetings are open to the public.

TIMELINE (Subject to change)

Civic Arts Commission Meeting to Approve Project Plan	July 27, 2022
RFQ Issued	August 2022
Community Outreach	September 2022
RFQ Deadline	October 2022
First Artist Review Panel	November 2022
Artist Finalist Orientation	December 2022
Finalist Proposals Due	February 2023
Proposals on Public Display	February 2023
Final Artist Review Panel	March,2023
Civic Arts Commission Approval	March 22, 2023
Council Approval of Artist Contract	May 2023
Artist Under Contract	May 2023

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact Zoe Taleporos, Public Art Program Lead, Berkeley Civic Arts at (510) 981-7538, or by email at ZTaleporos@cityofberkeley.info





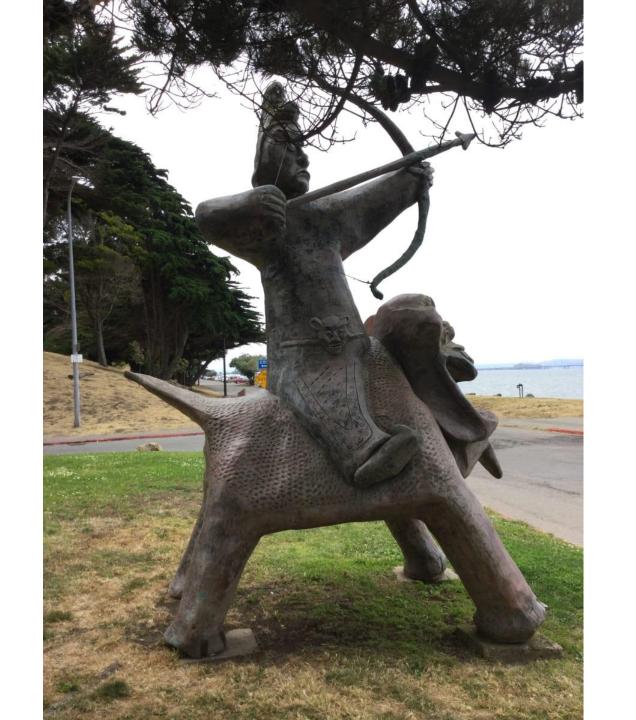












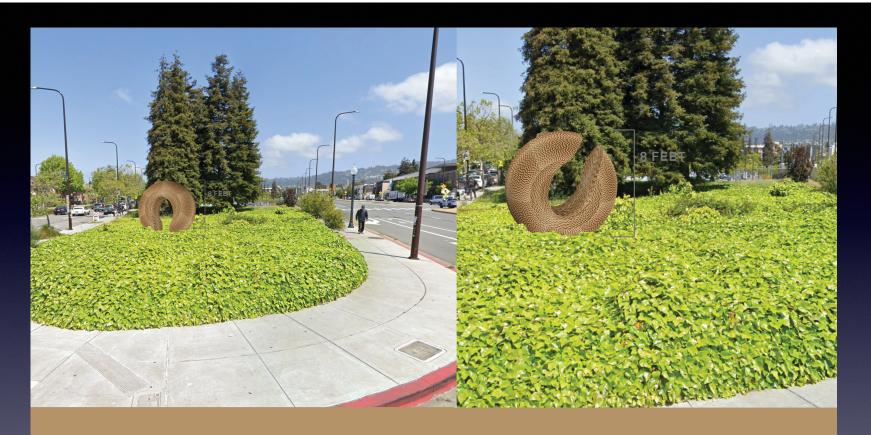








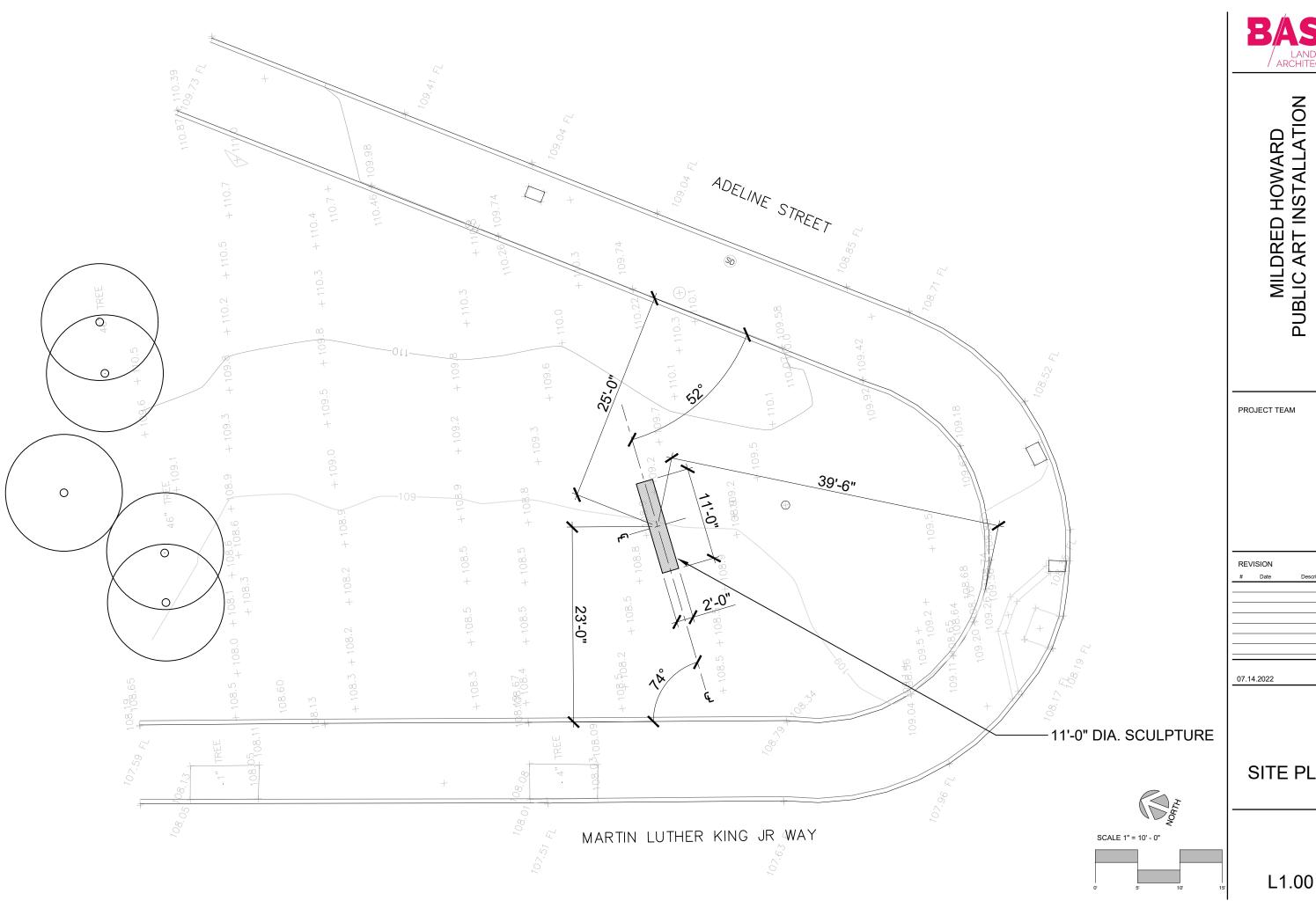




Mildred Howard

Proposed sculpture in bronze at Ashby BART, City of Berkeley, 8 feet tall

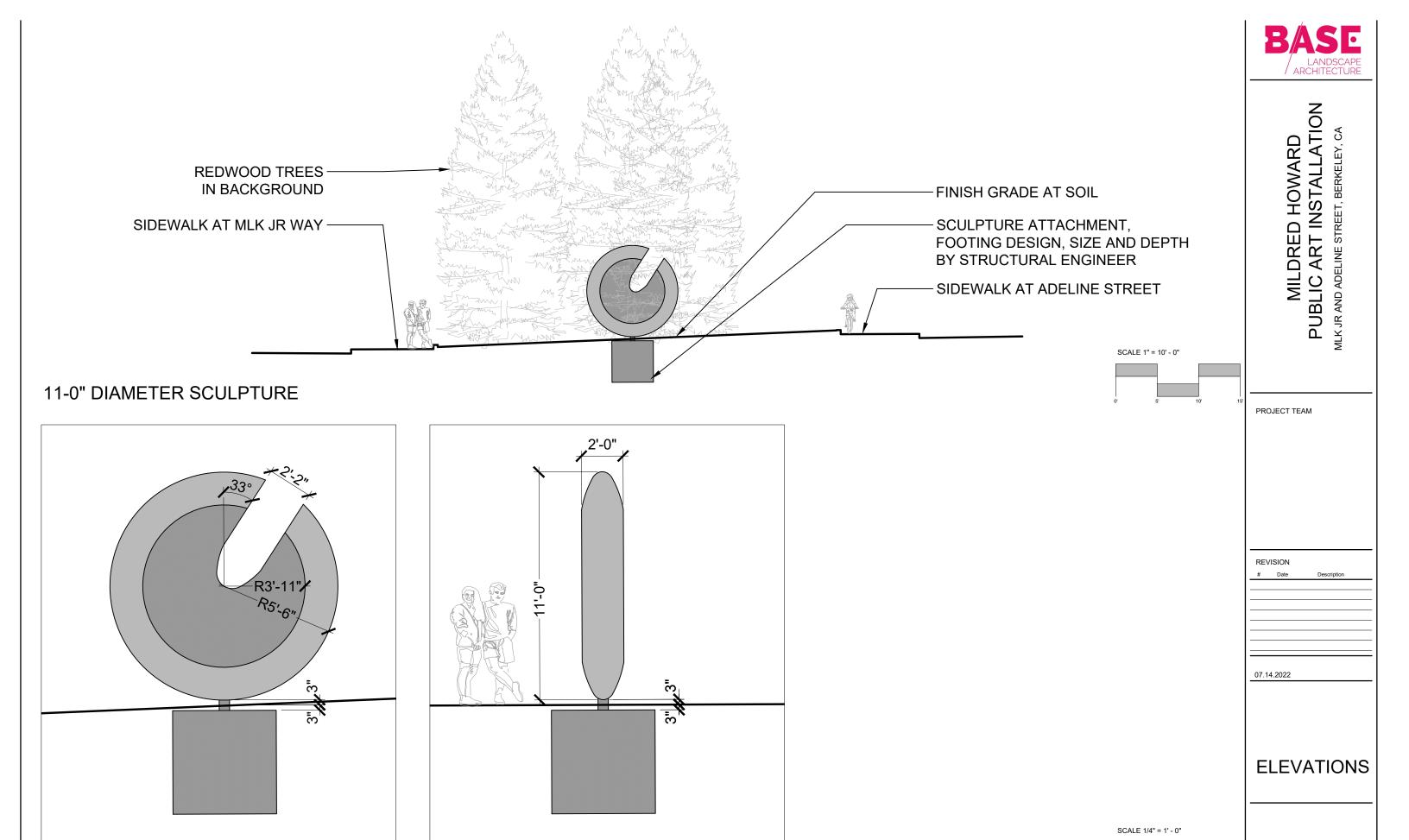
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MILDRED HOWARD PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION MLK JR AND ADELINE STREET, BERKELEY, CA

SITE PLAN



SIDE ELEVATION

FRONT ELEVATION

L2.00



Social Practice Art – Homelessness in Berkeley, CA Project Plan

PROJECT OVERVIEW

According to a countywide point-in-time count conducted by <u>EveryOne Home</u>, the number of unhoused individuals in Berkeley, CA in 2022 totaled 1057, of which 803 were unsheltered.

Berkeley Civic Arts seeks to commission three Social Practice Art projects that respond to homelessness in Berkeley, CA as a complex social issue.

For the purpose of this project plan, Berkeley Civic Arts defines Social Practice Art as: Art that is socially engaged and focused on human interaction, collaboration, and social discourse.

There are no specific requirements for artistic media or format for these projects, except that the artists create visual documentation that may live on after the projects are completed. Project documentation may take the form of photography, video, audio, print publication, or other forms to be discussed with Civic Arts staff.

BUDGET

Each of the three projects will receive \$15,000 to cover all project expenses. This includes artist fees, materials, travel, and documentation.

ARTIST ELIGIBILITY

Practicing artists residing in the 21 Northern California Megaregion Counties (regardless of housing status) are eligible to apply:

Alameda; Contra Costa; El Dorado; Marin; Merced; Monterey; Napa; Placer; Sacramento; San Benito; San Francisco; San Joaquin; San Mateo; Santa Clara; Santa Cruz; Solano; Sonoma; Stanislaus; Sutter; Yolo; Yuba.

ARTIST SELECTION PROCESS

Civic Arts Staff will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP). Applicants will be asked to provide:

- A letter of interest and summary of artistic practice
- Resume
- Up to 10 images/videos of past work
- A brief proposal of how they might address the project and tactics for social engagement

All applications will be reviewed and scored by a Public Art Review Panel to identify a shortlist of finalists for the opportunity. The Review Panel will consist of a Civic Arts Commissioner, two outside arts professionals, and a staff member from the City of Berkeley's Homeless Services.

The shortlist of finalists will be invited to present their proposal in an interview format to the Review Panel, who will then select three proposals to recommend to the Civic Art Commission.

TIMELINE (Subject to change)

Project Outline Approval

RFP Issued

August 2022

RFP Deadline

October 2022

Artist Review Panel

Artist Interviews

Approval of Proposals

Artists Under Contract

July 27, 2022

August 2022

October 2022

November 2022

December 7, 2022

January 2023

Project Schedule TBD

FURTHER INFORMATION

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