2019 Storm Drain Art Contest Rules and Regulations

TVWA is holding its Storm Drain Art Contest, in partnership with the City of Fairbanks, Fairbanks Stormwater Advisory Committee, Downtown Association, Festival Fairbanks, and US Fish and Wildlife. We invite local and area artists to submit proposals to create art for at least 10 storm drains on 5th Avenue. The purpose of this project is to provide opportunities for artists to create works of art, contributing to public awareness that stormwater drains flow directly into the Chena River. The art will be displayed for one or two years prior to the reconstruction of 5th Avenue in 2020/2021.

Design Proposal

When designing the artwork, artists are encouraged to think of the following three themes.

1. Storm Water Pollution (litter, vehicle fluids, pet waste, soapy water, etc.)
2. Fish, Wildlife, Habitat (moose, beavers, ducks, salmon, grayling, willows, etc.)
3. Quality of Life (clean water for recreation, drinking, natural beauty, etc.)

They also must adhere to the following criteria:

- Use the storm drain templates provided to propose design concepts. Be aware that some changes to the design may be required to accommodate site requirements.
- Designs must be painted on the sidewalk and somehow run to or incorporate the drains.
- Designs must not be larger than 4 foot by 4 foot in size.
- Designs cannot contain advertisement or promotion for any business or product.
- Designs may not include any breach of intellectual property, trademarks, brands, images of illegal activity, or anything harmful to a third party.
- Designs may not include attachments of any objects to the drain.
- Consideration should be given to the fact that the finished artwork(s) will be in the public domain.
- If the design painted on the drain greatly differs from that of the proposed design, the City of Fairbanks reserves the right to withhold payment from the artist and remove the artwork.

Selection Process

Applications will be evaluated on artistic merit of proposed design. The general public is asked to vote on the submissions and select those that best fit the criteria. Once the designs are voted on, TVWA and the Storm Water Advisory attendees has the ability to view the selected designs and make a final decision. A minimum of 10 designs will be chosen for display, based on the number of designs received and voted for.
All submissions must be received by April 30th, 2019.

Artists may also choose to work in a team, but the budget for the project will not increase for the number of people involved.

Project Completion

If Selected:

- Artists will be notified after May 12th if selected.
- Artists will be paid a $100 award after completion of art.
- Tentative paint days are scheduled for June 1st (weather dependent) from 9am to 1pm.
- Artists must use own brushes and rollers, and paint.
  - Make sure you are NOT using “washable” paint.

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PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

The artist will clean their drain and surrounding area with a broom prior to painting the approved design. The City of Fairbanks will provide traffic cones and traffic control on the designated painting days. Artists must supply their own brushes and rollers. The artwork must be painted with a non-toxic water based acrylic paint then coated with a clear sealant designed to be used on concrete/asphalt. (Coating is done by the City of Fairbanks/TVWA.)

INDEMNITY

The artist agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Fairbanks from any loss or damage, any and all third party claims, demands, actions, legal fees or costs for which the Artist is legally responsible, including those arising out of negligence, willful harm, or crimes by the Artist or Artist’s employees, agent or subcontractors. This ‘hold harmless’ agreement shall survive beyond the term of the Artist’s service contract.

The City of Fairbanks will not be liable or responsible for any bodily or personal injury or property damage of any nature that may be suffered by the Artist, its employees, agents or subcontractors in the performance of this Project, except to the extent of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the City of Fairbanks.

VANDALISM AND MAINTENANCE

Artists should understand that the finished works will be on functioning drains that may need repair and understand that all drains will be replaced the summer of 2016 in conjunction with the Complete Street reconstruction project. Artists should also be aware that the drains can be targets for vandalism, although the City of Fairbanks/TVWA will make every effort to protect the artwork with a vandal resistant clear coat. Artists must accept the risk that their artwork may be damaged, altered or removed at any time after completion.
The artist further grants the City of Fairbanks and TVWA the following exclusive rights:
(a) Reproduction (including electronic images) for promotion, fundraising, and educational purposes.
(b) The right to remove the artwork (or sections of the artwork) from the site for the following reasons:
• Endangerment of public safety
• Damage to the drain (including vandalism) requiring repair or maintenance
• Significant adverse public reaction.
• Replacement or maintenance of the drain.

Thank you for your interest in our Storm Drain Art Contest. This contest would be possible without the support of our partners listed above.

If you have any questions – email Cynthia Nelson at cynthia.tvwa@gmail.com
Or call TVWA at 907-374-8890