



Public Arts Commission Meeting

August 5, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Fridley Civic Campus 7071 University Avenue NE

Agenda

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Review and Approval of July 1, 2026 Meeting Minutes

New Business

2. Springbrook Nature Center Mural Bench Project Proposed Workflow
3. City of Fridley Arts Programming Discussion
4. Sylvan Hills Park Community Art Bench Project Update
5. Utility Box Art Wrap Program Update

Old Business

Other Items

Adjournment

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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August 5, 2026
Meeting Type: Public Arts Commission
Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
Title: Review and Approval of July 1, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Background

Minutes of the July 1, 2026 meeting of the Public Arts Commission are attached for review and approval.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the July 1, 2026 minutes of the Public Arts Commission meeting.

Attachments and Other Resources

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1. PA_ Commission Minutes- July 1 2026

Vision Statement

We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly, and stable home for families and businesses.



Public Arts Commission Meeting

July 1, 2026

6:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Ave. NE, Fridley, MN 55432

Minutes

Call to Order

Chair Collins called the Public Arts Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present

Josh Collins, Chair
Maija Sedzielarz, Vice Chair
Ryan Fugleberg
Kara Ruwart
Gary Osterbauer
Frank Sedzielarz

Jesslyn Quiram, Engineering Technician
Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
Scott Lund, Fridley Creative Arts Foundation

1. Approve Public Arts Commission Minutes for June 3, 2026

Motion by Commissioner Ruwart to approve the June 3, 2026 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Fugleberg. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

2. Utility Box Art Wrap Program Update

Staff provided updates on the utility box art wrap program including receipt of VARA waivers from all awarded artists and submission of an application to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for art installation in their right of way. Staff have also sent designs to a printer/designer for confirmation that they can be laid out for installation on the utility boxes. Once the designs have been approved by MnDOT and okayed by the printer, financial awards will be distributed to artists.

No formal action was taken by the Commission on this agenda item.

3. Manoomin Sculpture Update and Celebration

Staff provided an update and overview of the planned ribbon cutting celebration for the Manoomin sculpture at Commons Park on July 18. Additional notes from the Commission included:

- The Commission expressed a desire to plan community engagement around the themes of the sculpture
- Scott Lund shared that the Fridley Creative Arts Foundation has recently raised \$56,000 for the Manoomin sculpture and upcoming utility box art wrap program

Commissioner Maija Sedzielarz made a motion to add a debrief of the Manoomin sculpture process to the October meeting. The second was made by Commissioner Osterbauer. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. Sylvan Hills Public Art Bench Update

Staff provided an update on the Sylvan Hills Public Art Project Bench to be installed at Sylvan Hills Park in 2027. Creative Flow Art Center will be doing community engagement to create clay/ceramic tiles for the project at summer events

No formal action was taken by the Commission on this agenda item.

5. 2026-2027 Work Plan Review

Staff provided an updated workplan for the Public Arts Commission based on established progress and priority for projects and initiatives. Several ideas were shared by the commission to provide additional detail on the process to develop an art trail concept plan and to explore public art opportunities in the Northern Stacks development.

Two motions were made by the Commission:

Commissioner Ryan Fugleberg made a motion to endorse a request to seek consulting services for development of a concept plan for the Civic Campus/Locke Park art trail. Second by Commissioner Ruwart. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Frank Sedzielarz to accept the updated workplan as presented. Second by Commissioner Osterbauer. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

None

Other Items

Commissioner Frank Sedzielarz noted that he would like to add a comment to share with the consultants working on the 57th Avenue Bridge project that an anti-graffiti coating on the bridge should be considered.

Adjournment

Commissioner Maija Sedzielarz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The second was made by Commissioner Fugleberg. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
Recording Secretary

AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: August 5, 2026
Meeting Type: Public Arts Commission
Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
Title: Springbrook Nature Center Mural Bench Project Proposed Workflow

Background

Springbrook Nature Center Manager Tara Rogness will be in attendance to be part of a conversation to develop a proposed workflow for an art bench project. The project will utilize benches made from recycled wind turbines. The benches are made possible through a grant from the Xcel Energy Foundation and additional funds are being contributed by the Springbrook Nature Center Foundation. An artist will paint a mural or murals on the three benches, which will arrive primed and ready to be painted. Determining the role of each stakeholder group involved will help ensure a successful project.

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

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1. Noblewins Primed Product Guide
 2. Art Bench Project Proposed Process

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Transforming Your Noblewins Piece into a Custom Work of Art

Every Noblewins product is designed to serve as a high-quality, durable foundation for your community's creativity. This packet provides essential information to help you collaborate with local artists or groups. Whether you choose to apply a hand-painted mural or a professional vinyl wrap, these standards ensure your custom design remains vibrant and protected for years to come.

Surface Prep (Painting or Vinyl Wrapping)

To ensure the best results, please follow these guidelines:

- The PRIMED surface must remain clean and dry. Paint within 30 days of delivery for optimal adhesion and mural longevity. If the product is stored indoors and protected from moisture and sunlight, the PRIMED surface will be preserved for a longer period of time.
- If your product arrives wrapped, remove any wrapping immediately upon delivery. Leaving it wrapped can trap moisture and damage the primer.
- If applying paint or vinyl wrap after 60 days, or the PRIMED surface no longer appears clean, we recommend a light sanding or cleaning to remove any dust or surface breakdown before applying paint or vinyl wrap.

Applying an Artist's Mural



Step 1: Prep the Surface

- Wipe clean with a damp cloth
- If dusty or slick, lightly scuff with 220-grit sandpaper and wipe again
- Ensure the surface is dry before painting

Step 2: Recommended Paints

- Sherwin-Williams Resilience, SuperPaint, or Duration Exterior Acrylic
- Nova Color Acrylic Artist Paints
- Behr Ultra or Marquee Exterior Acrylic Latex

Step 3: Optional Clear Coat for Protection

- Sher-Clear 1K (Sherwin-Williams)
- World's Best Graffiti Coating
- Golden MSA Varnish (Gloss or Satin) wit UVLS
 - Apply 1-2 coats once mural is fully dry (24-48 hrs)
 - Always test a small area first for compatibility

Applying Vinyl Wrapping



Recommended Vinyl Materials

- Avery Dennison MPI 1105 SuperCast (10 year)
- 3M Controlltac Graphic Film IJ180 (5 year)
- Orajet 3951RA + Oraguard 290 laminate (5 year)

Application Tips

- Clean surface thoroughly
- Apply between 60°F - 80°F
- Use heat guns and rubber tools to remove air pockets
- Laminate for UV/graffiti protection

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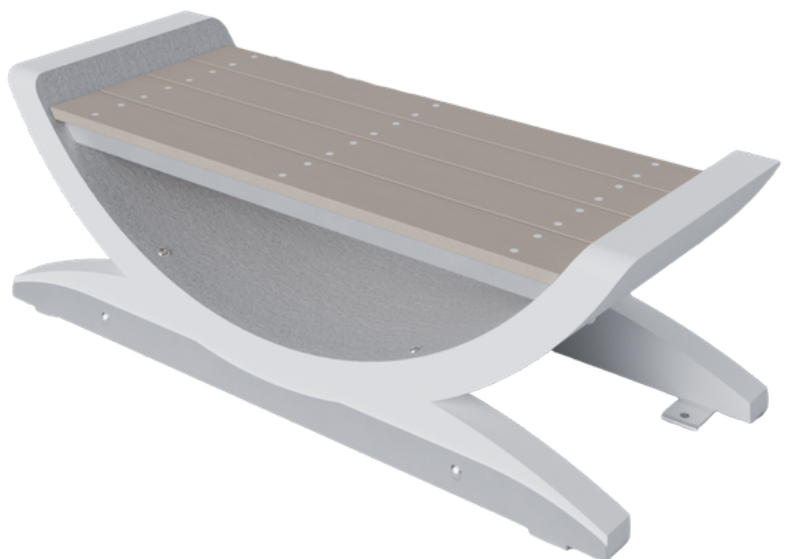
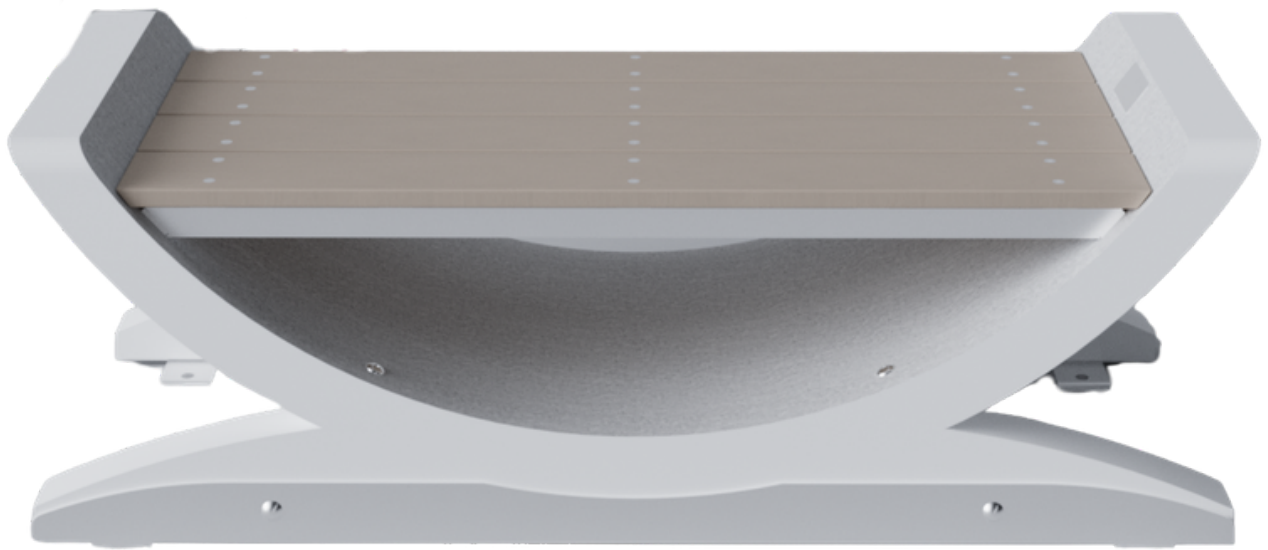


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Height: 20"

Paintable Surface Area: 33.5ft²



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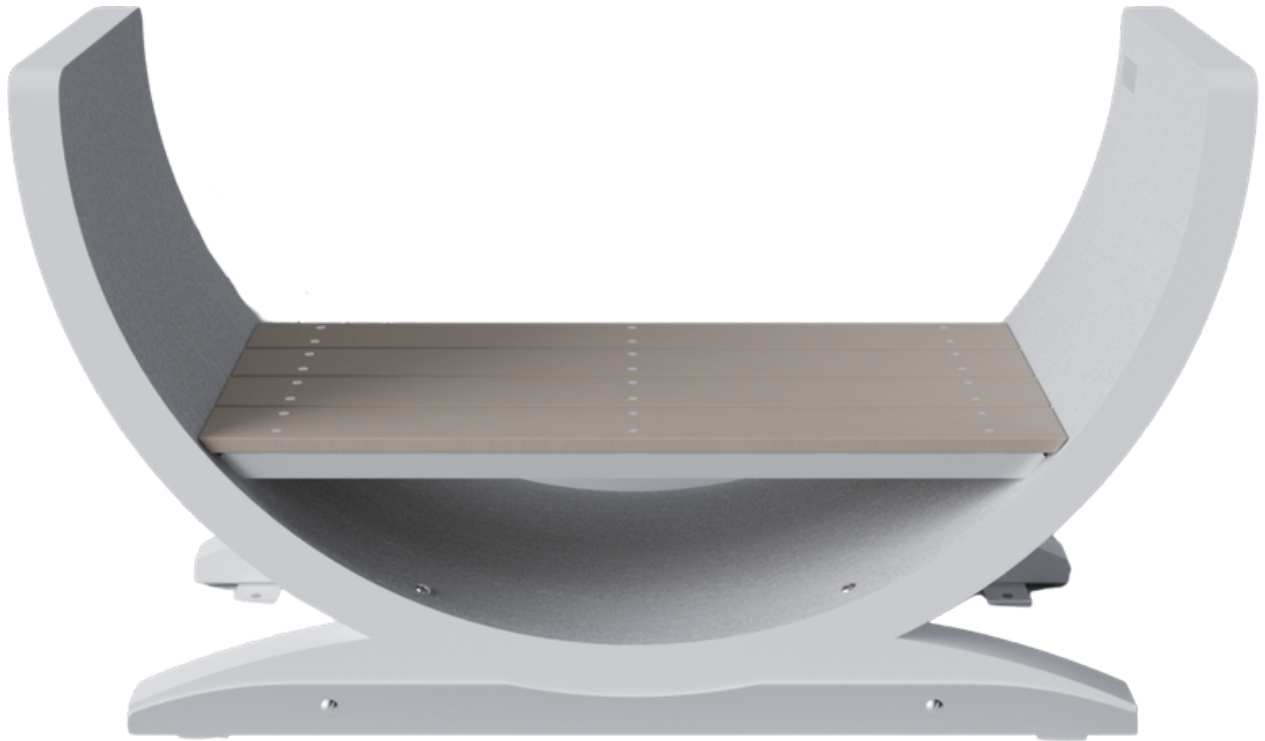


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Height: 40"

Paintable Surface Area: 48ft²



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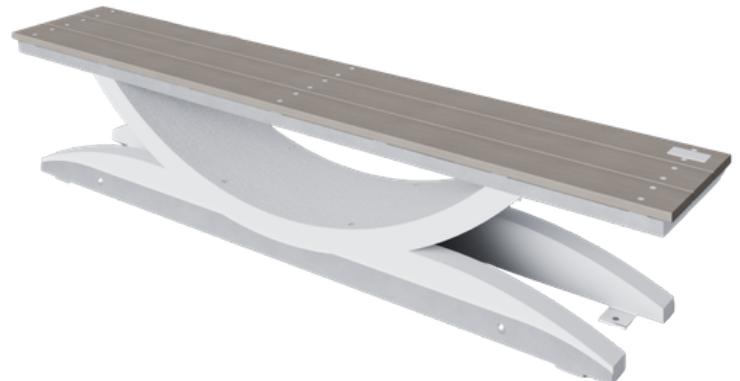
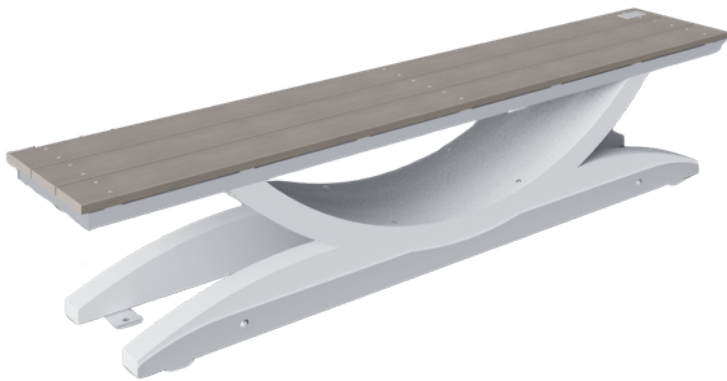


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Depth: 17"

Height: 18"

Paintable Surface Area: 23.5ft²



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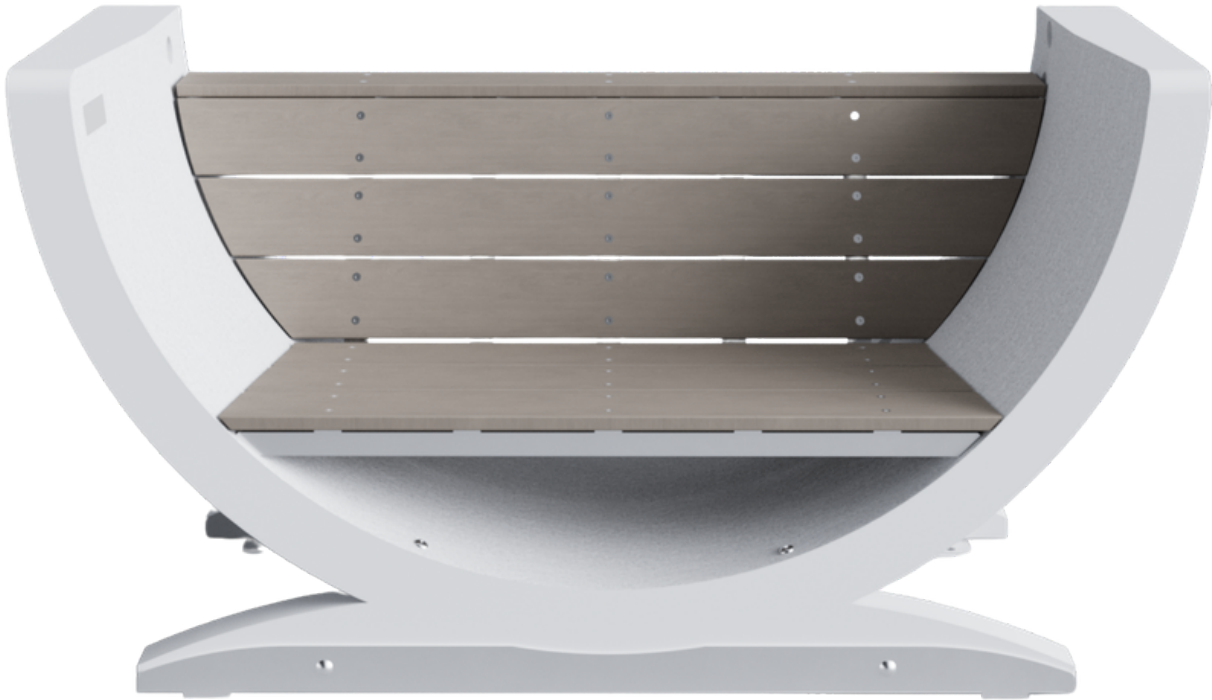


Width: 78"

Depth: 30"

Height: 40"

Paintable Surface Area: 60ft²



EVERGLADE

Width: 96"

Depth: 36"

Height: 86"

Paintable Surface Area: 124ft²

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ARCH

Width: 96"

Depth: 36"

Height: 87"

Paintable Surface Area: 123.5ft²

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GATEWAY

Width: 96"

Depth: 36"

Height: 87"

Paintable Surface Area: 123.5ft²

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Width: 96"

Depth: 48"

Height: 30"

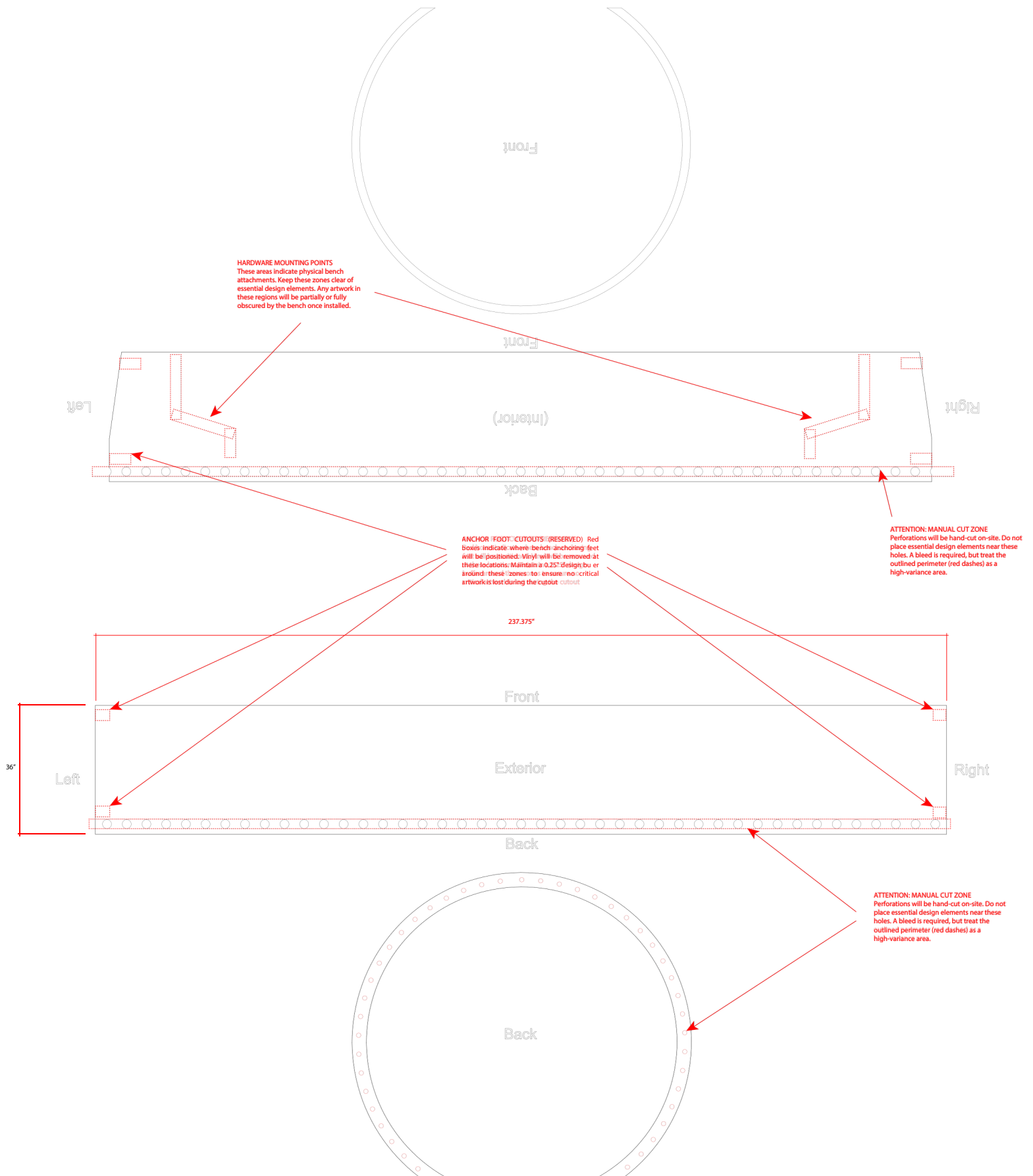
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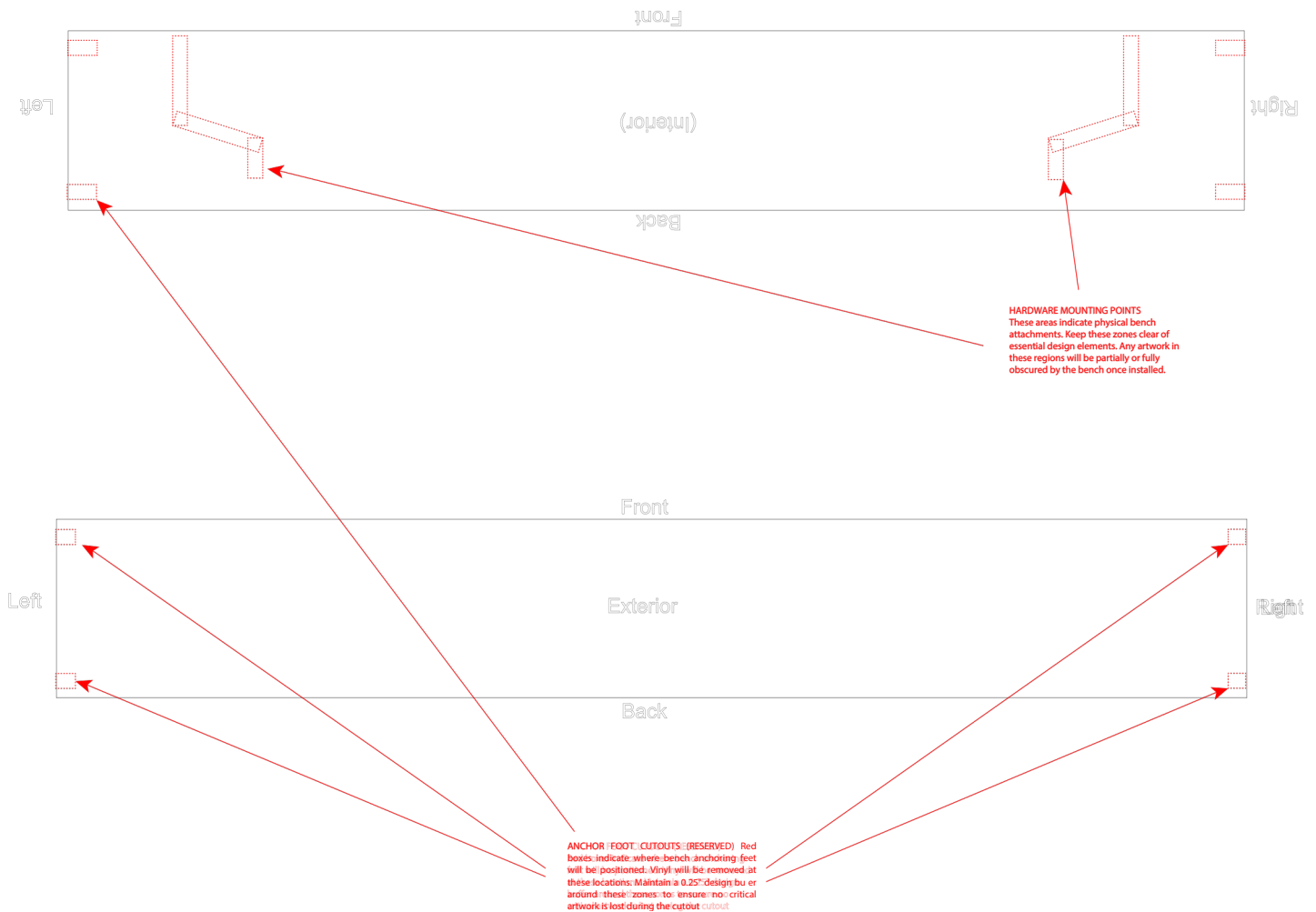
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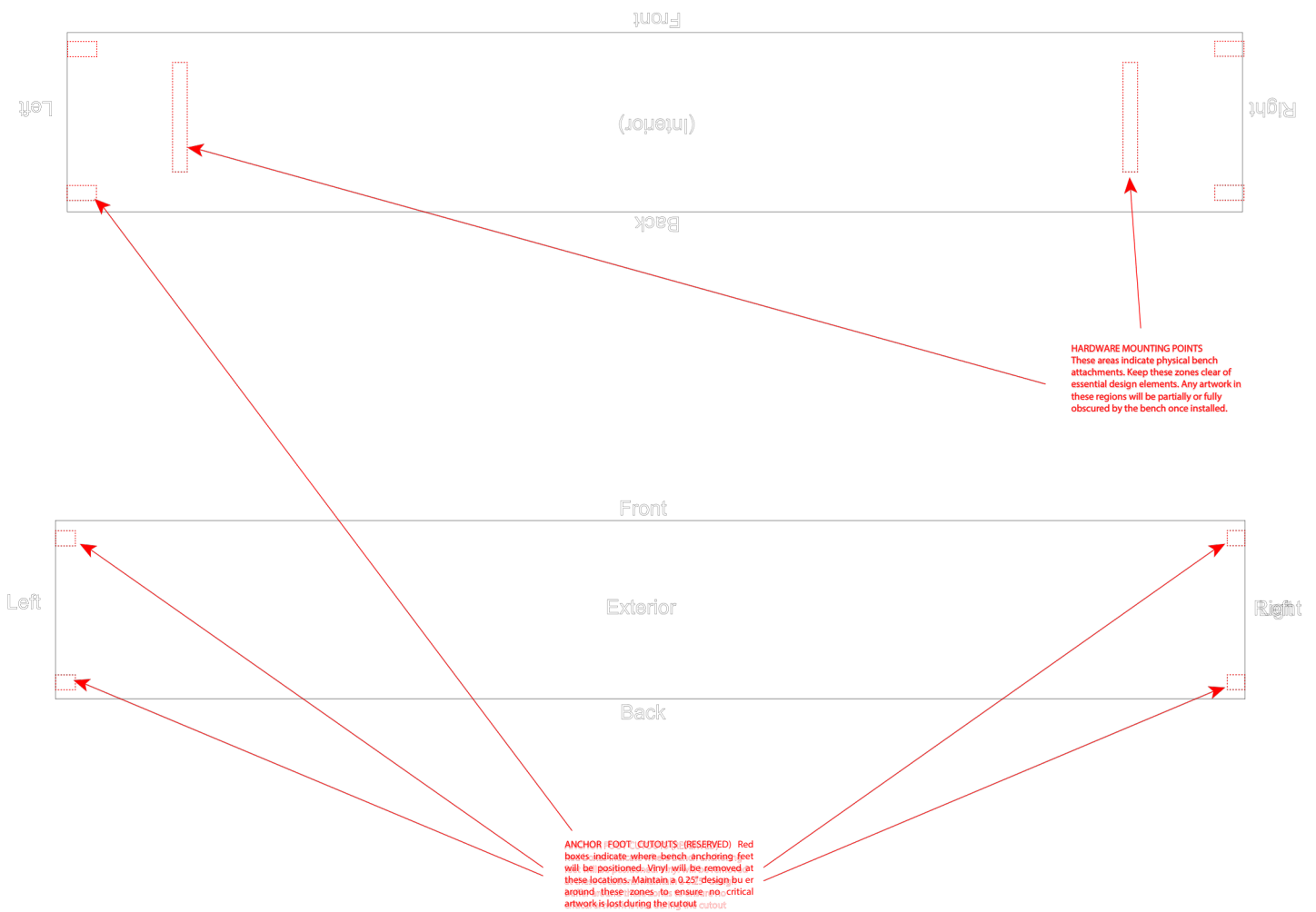
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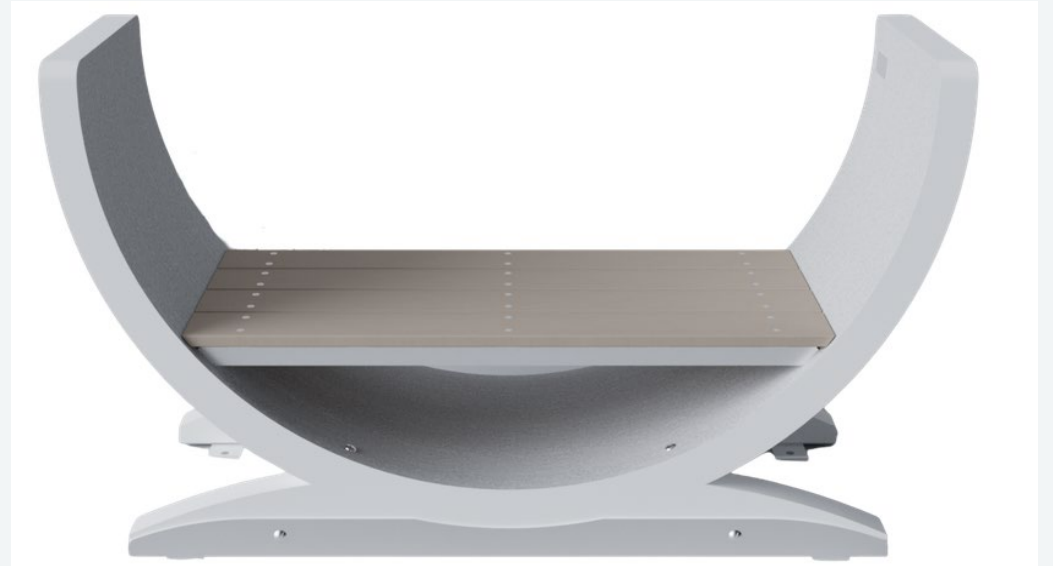


Art Bench Project Proposed Process

Creating a workflow for mural application on recycled wind turbine benches to be installed at Springbrook Nature Center



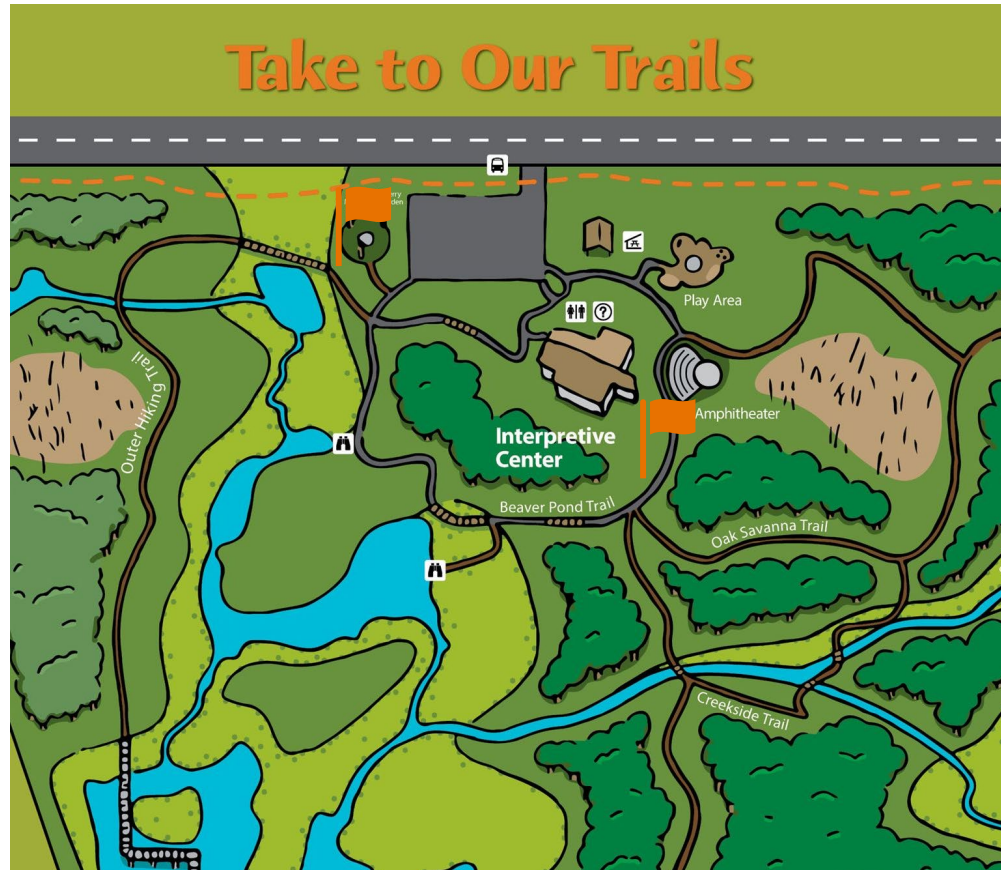
Recycled Wind Turbine Benches



Recycled Wind Turbine Benches

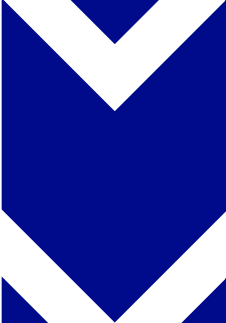


Possible Locations



Possible workflow

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- SNCF Funds Project, Staff Determine Location
 - Determine interest of Fridley Creative Arts Foundation to fund commissioning of art (\$3,000 estimated)
 - SNCF/Staff Identify themes or educational outcomes

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- Staff and Public Arts Commission draft call for art
 - Public Arts Commission recommends artist, recommendation provided to SNCF, Council for approval

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- Staff coordinates agreement with artist
 - Staff coordinates installation of artwork
 - Ribbon cutting event in partnership with City of Fridley, donors, SNCF



Questions and Discussion





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Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
Title: City of Fridley Arts Programming Discussion

Background

Program Coordinator Jessica Nelson-Roehl will attend the meeting to discuss art programming for 2027 and to be part of a conversation on integrating the public arts program with public programming offered by Fridley Parks and Recreation.

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August 5, 2026
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Title: Sylvan Hills Park Community Art Bench Project Update

Background

A public art bench project is being completed in partnership with artist Jessica Turtle, Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, the City of Fridley and Creative Flow Art Center. Ceramic tiles for the bench construction are being created at community events throughout 2026. Staff will provide an update on the project status.

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

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1. Sylvan Hills Art Bench Project

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Sylvan Hills Art Bench Project

Community Members Making Tiles at Fridley 49er Days 7/18/2026





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Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
Title: Utility Box Art Wrap Program Update

Background

Staff will provide an update to the Commission on progress to keep the utility box art wrap program moving towards a successful installation in late summer or fall.

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

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