



City of Lakewood

Public Art Advisory Board (PAAB)

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MINUTES
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY BOARD CITY OF LAKEWOOD
12650 DETROIT AVENUE
APRIL 9, 2025
5:30 P.M.
AUDITORIUM
RECORDING IS AVAILABLE

1. Roll Call (5:10 on recording)

Members Present

Gina DeSantis
Jason Frederick, Vice Chair
Marisa Razi* arrived after roll call
Dave Robar, Chair
Beth Ryan

Staff Present

Amanda Cramer, Secretary, City Planner

2. Opening Remarks

Ms. Cramer read the Opening Remarks into record.

3. Approval of the January 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes (6:04 on recording)

A motion was made by Mr. Frederick, seconded by Ms. Ryan to **APPROVE** the January 8, 2025 meeting minutes. All the members voted yea; the motion passed.

4. 2024 Spectacular Vernacular Project Update

Ms. Cramer provided an update on the 2024 Spectacular Vernacular Project. Regarding the asphalt art outside Hayes Elementary School was delayed due to work being done by Enbridge with an anticipated start date of Spring 2025. Public Works was to review the final set of plans to determine/understand the scope of work and start date. Ms. Cramer had communicated with the school and the artist. It was hoped the installation would be completed by Fall 2025.

5. Other Items

a. Public Art Master Plan

Mr. Robar and Ms. Cramer met with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission as a grant was submitted and granted for the creation of a Public Master Plan (it was per a goal of Lakewood's PAAB group). The initial action was to discuss the scope of the plan, best practices, temporary pieces, expanding public engagement, etc. The proposal would be presented to City Council for review and acceptance of the grant. Public comment was taken.

Public Comment/Questions

- Commenter was disheartened that the majority of the murals were constructed of vinyl and started to deteriorate already.
 - Board was told the material would last 10 years, and the murals had not lasted more than three years. They could not be repaired; it would be total replacement at a significant cost based on the size of the mural.
- Would future murals be vinyl?
 - The focus of the program shifted from murals to other projects.
 - Part of the master plan would potentially address maintenance of the art and the proper art application materials.
- What about applying paint directly to the brick.
 - City code did not allow it unless the brick was painted already. ABR approval would be required for application on unpainted brick.

Discussion continued about the benefits of and liability of vinyl products versus paint.

6. 2025 Spectacular Vernacular Proposal/Artist Selections

Ms. Cramer stated that 45 artist proposals were submitted and prior to the meeting, had asked the members to select their top 10 choices. Although the RFP was to select three to five different artists, and because the response was great, the number of artists could be increased. There were 42 utility boxes chosen for the art wrappings: all of Madison Ave., all of Franklin Ave., all of Athens Ave., some north/south on Warren Ave., Woodward Ave. and around Hayes Ave. If enough money remained, they could proceed to Detroit Ave., Clifton Blvd., Edgewater Dr. \$500.00 was spent toward a survey, and Public Works approved the box locations. The existing/previously vinyl wrapped utility boxes still looked good. Discussion then ensued about each of the preliminary choices, voting was reviewed, and the first round of artists was selected. The artists' Preliminary Concepts were due on May 16, 2025, and a Special Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

Preliminary Selection (listed alphabetically):

1. Malcolm Bellew
2. Sequoia Bostick

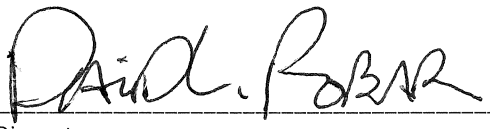
3. Debbie Clapper
4. Randy Crider
5. Terry Klausman
6. Kim Lavery
7. Mickey Mencin
8. Thao Nguyen
9. Bermudez Pineda
10. Bug Robbins
11. Chi Wong

Discussion continued about the number of utilities boxes, and how to divide them among an odd number of artists. It was thought that nine artists would have four boxes, and two would have three boxes (\$500.00 awarded per box).

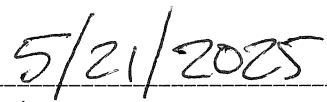
A motion was made by Mr. Robar, seconded by Ms. Razi to **ACCEPT** eleven artists. All the members voted yea; the motion passed.

7. Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Robar, seconded by Ms. Ryan to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 6:44 p.m.; all the members voted yea; the motion passed.



Signature



Date



Oath

(You need not give an oath if you object. If you object to giving an oath, please notify the hearing officer or secretary before signing below.)

I, the undersigned, hereby solemnly swear that the testimony I give at this proceeding will be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth:

PRINT NAME:

SIGN NAME:

1. Marissa Hatch 1571
Marlowe

[Signature]

2. _____

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Approval of January 8th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

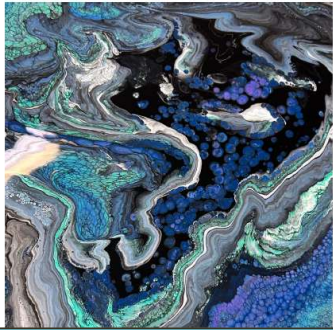
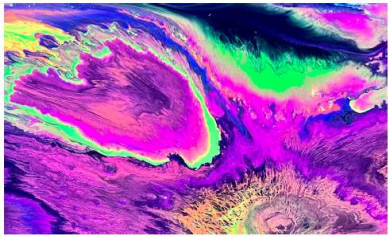


2025 Spectacular Vernacular Proposals

- The following proposals were narrowed down from the original 45 submittals. Each Board Member selected their top 10.



Artists with 1 Vote

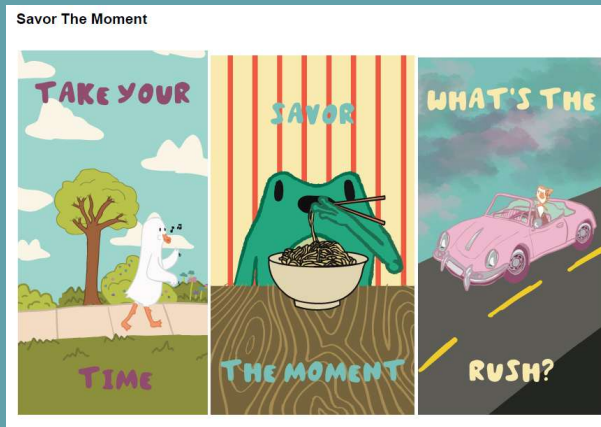


Tin Collages



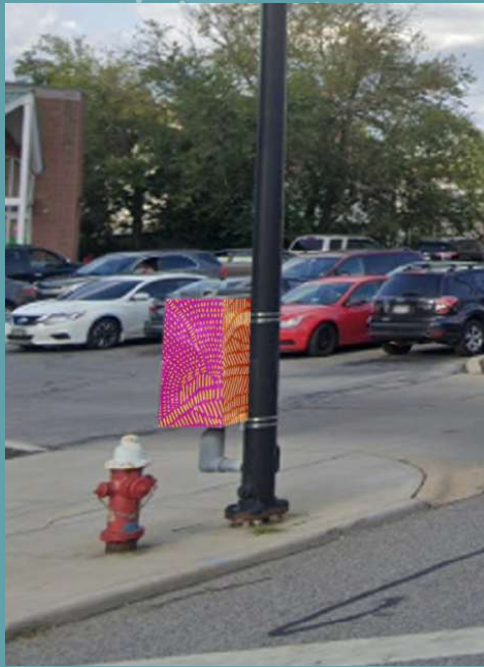
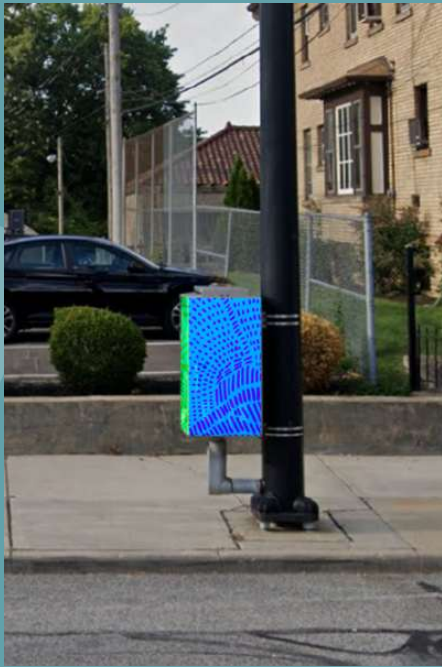
- From left to right: McCormick, Mallard, Gliozzi, Erickson

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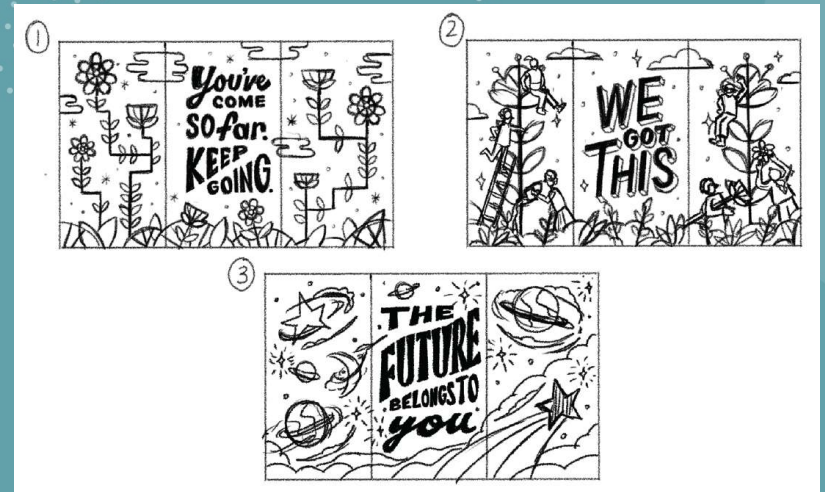
- From left to right: Clockwork 9, Cantor, Deus

Artists with 2 Votes



- From left to right: Mimms Scavnicky, Peck

Artists with 2 Votes

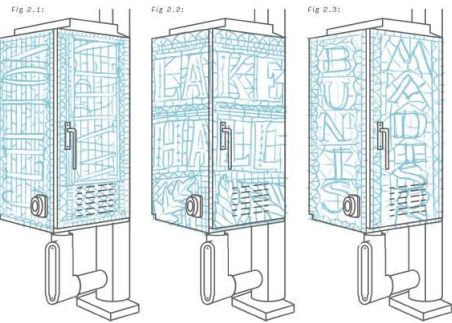


- From left to right: Bostick, Nguyen

Artists with 2 Votes

THEME 1 Mosaic Street Sign

The first theme will transform the traffic boxes into intricate mosaics, giving the illusion of a surface covered in alternating tiles with consistent grout lines between them. Drawing inspiration from the classic mosaic entryways found in historic Lakewood buildings, each box will feature a unique pattern and color palette, all built around the two street names of the intersection. The artwork will serve as a system of artistic wayfinding for the different locations while celebrating the city's rich history.



"Drawing inspiration from the classic mosaic entryways found in historic Lakewood buildings."

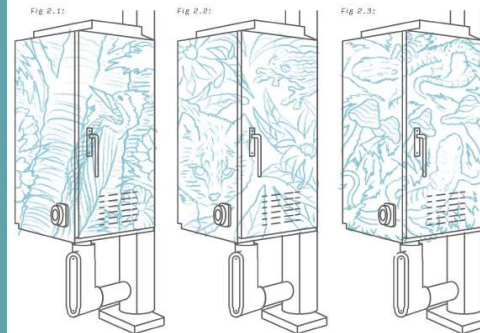
MOODBOARD IMAGERY:



"If there is a specific piece of inspiration that you respond positively to for a selected theme, let me know!"

THEME 2 Woodcut Wildlife

The second theme will be created from detailed woodcut-style illustrations, with intricate hatching and long, flowing linework. Each piece will highlight close-up views of a local Lakewood plant and animal, capturing the beauty of the natural world in our city. The style will pay homage to traditional woodcut techniques, which are widely appreciated for their craftsmanship and historical significance. Rather than something with bold fluorescent colors, the final artwork will have a vintage, classic feel, with a soft, simplified color palette and a strong sense of nostalgia. This approach will appeal to a diverse audience, resonating with both younger viewers and older generations, creating a lasting connection.



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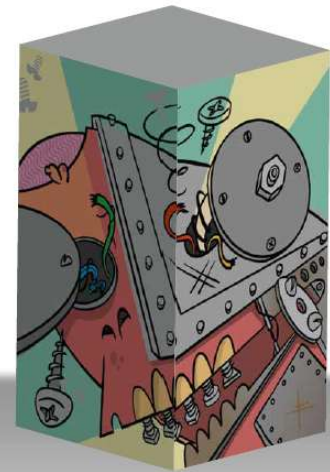
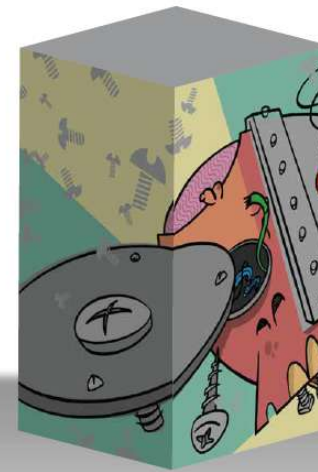
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• Laisure

Artists with 3 Votes

Digital art. Procreate 2024/ No title



• From left to right: Bermudez Pineda, Bellew

Artists with 3 Votes

CONCEPT SKETCHES

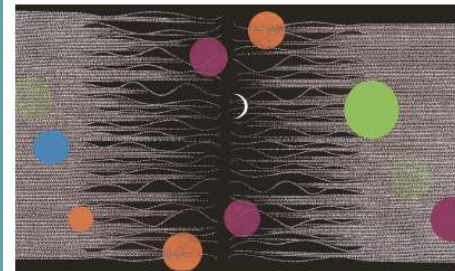
The artwork that I created for the Kent sign was born of the time I spent hiking with my daughter during the COVID lockdowns, and this concept is very much a continuation of that project. We have spent a lot of her lifetime at Lakewood Park so I wanted to illustrate a day in the life of the park - and Lakewood itself. These sketches are the first, middle, and end of that concept. The centerpiece is a nod to a tree that my daughter has been climbing for nearly a decade. I would split the allotted boxes into night and day with each box being a unique scene with various nods to the city - and I am open to some suggestions. If selected I look forward to using the opportunity to take photographs as a reference for this imagined version of our home.



- From left to right: Crider, Klausman



Psychedelic



Crescent Moon



The Wave

Artists with 3 Votes

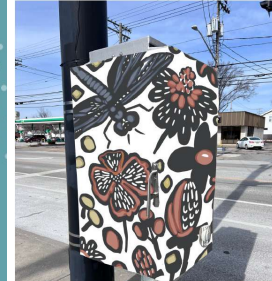


EACH SIDE OF THE BOX TO DEPICT A DIFFERENT BIRD



- From left to right: Crossen, Mencin

A Summer Day in Lakewood



Dragonfly



Frog Pond



Birdsong



Farmer's Market Flowers



Flower Garden



Organic Rocks & Flowers

Artists with 4 Votes

SKETCHES / COLOR STUDY

These are quick color study mock ups of characters I'd be interested in creating- both people and animals in a bright and colorful palette. I want to turn these boxes into a fun presence that the community can enjoy, take pictures with, or simply makes them smile walking around Lakewood.

I would be open to ideas on what kind of characteristics or animals the group would like to see represented!

So far I have 4 different people characters, a cardinal, a dog, a cat, and a raccoon.



• Robbins

Artists with 4 Votes



• Lavery

Artists with 4 Votes



Ideation 1

The Story

What if the new hairstyle is to shape your hair into bells?

Welcome to the Bellflower Salon! You can get the latest hairstyle which is in the shape of a bell! There's desk bells, jingle bells, door bells, hand bells, and church bell hairstyles. Which one do you want? Come sit at our salon to get your next best hairstyle!

Title: Bellflower Salon



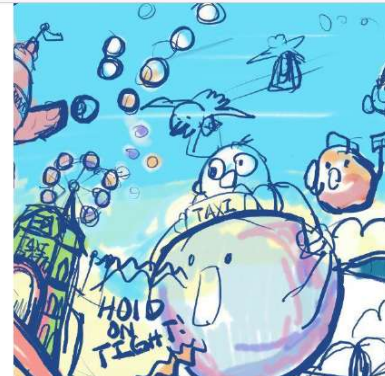
Ideation 2

The Story

What if the our newest public transportation is riding a bubble?

It's summer and that means bubble season has arrived! Take the fastest, safest, and funnest ride around town which is the Bubble Taxi! They will get you where you need to be asap while you can enjoy the city view and the amazing weather. Hold on tight!

Title: Untitled for now (still thinking!)



Ideation 3

The Story

What if cameras captures the newest noodle dish?

The newest and trendiest noodles is created from a camera! Photo paper are noodles and it's time to stop by and give it a try. Line up to get a taste of this noodle while the waiters do a camera performance to prep the noodles and pour it into your bowl. Enjoy and feast up!

Title: Untitled (Still thinking of one!)



• Wong

Artists with 5 Votes

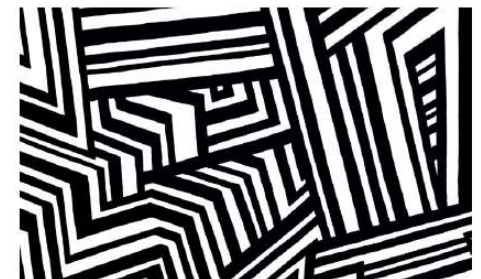
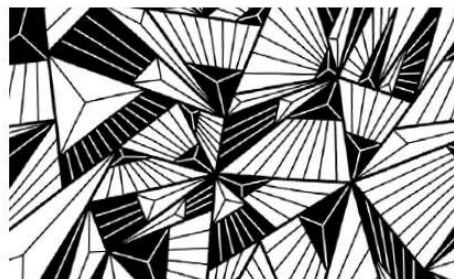
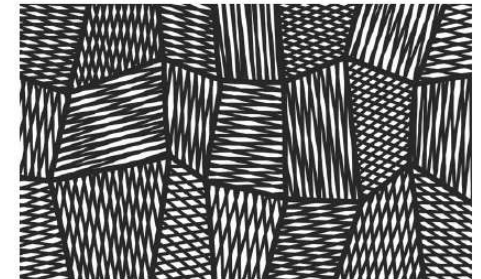
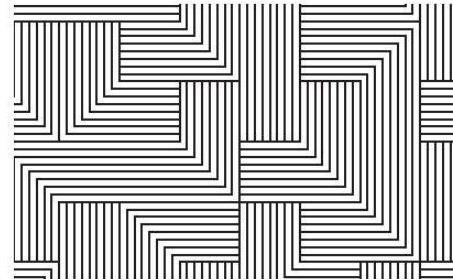
PROPOSAL THEME MOCKUPS

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FINAL DESIGNS FOR THE SERIES (COLOR TO BE EXPLORED)

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• Clapper