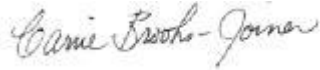




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INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	November 3, 2021
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Placemaking Grant Pilot Program Update (PED20048(a)) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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INFORMATION

The Placemaking Grant Pilot Program (Report PED20048), approved by Council on July 17, 2020, funds community-led placemaking projects that animate public spaces across the City. The Placemaking Grant Pilot Program was made possible by a \$100 K donation from the Patrick J. McNally Foundation.

The program launched in January 2021 and accepted applications from groups of residents and local non-profit organizations. During the first application period, 30 grant applications were submitted by the community. Applications were reviewed and scored by an adjudication team using the published assessment criteria. Projects were also reviewed for technical feasibility by staff across the Corporation. In May 2021, \$47,530 in total funding was awarded to 13 projects.

Each project funded through the Placemaking Grant Pilot Program is unique and site specific. As a result, each project is installed on its own schedule as identified by the community organizers. Each project is temporary and remains in the public space from a few days up to three years.

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OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

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Installation status:

- 3 projects have been installed: Portraits in Hamilton Amateur Athletic Association Park (Ward 1), Scenic Woods Pollinator Garden and Seating Space (Ward 14) and Powell Park Sidewalk Games (Ward 3). Project descriptions and images are included as Appendix “A” to Report PED20048(a).
- 7 projects are expected to start installation in Fall 2021: The Children’s Garden (Ward 3), Augmented Reality Tour of the Dundas Driving Park Big Trees (Ward 13), Billbored (Ward 2), Dundas Seed Library (Ward 13), Mini Marsh Display (Ward 2), Riverdale Community Salad Bowl Garden Expansion and Beautification (Ward 5), and Westmill Alley Beautification (Ward 3).
- 3 projects are being developed and will be installed Spring 2022: Woodlands Park: Ghost Landscape (Ward 3), The Art of Inclusion (Ward 3), and Hamilton: A Guidebook from Memory (locations being confirmed).

Until December 10 at 4:00 p.m., new applications are being accepted for the second round of funding from the Placemaking Grant Pilot Program. The Program is accepting applications from groups of residents and organizations who have previously applied but were not awarded funds, as well as new projects proposed by the community.

All remaining funds donated by the Patrick J. McNally Foundation will be awarded to community-led placemaking projects by the end of March 2022 and the Program will cease. There is no permanent budget source for the Placemaking Grant Pilot Program.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” to Report PED20048(a) – Placemaking Grant Pilot Program Projects installed as of September 2021.