



# Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development

**Date:** August 11, 2014

**To:** Council Member John Quincy, Chair, Ways and Means Committee

**Referral to:** None

**Subject:** Agreements with Property Owners, Nicollet Avenue Public Art

**Recommendation:** Authorize the proper City Officials to enter into agreements with property owners/partners for Nicollet Avenue Public Art.

**Previous Directives:** August 5, 2011, Issue RFP for Nicollet Avenue Reconstruction; and execute contract for selected artist.

## Department Information

Prepared by: Mary Altman, Public Arts Administrator

Approved by: Jack Byers, Planning Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Presenters in Committee: Mary Altman

## Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Civil Rights Approval Approval \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Financial Impact

- No financial impact

## Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification: NA
- City Goals: Great Places--Iconic, inviting streets, spaces and buildings create a sense of place; A City that Works--City operations are efficient, effective, results driven and customer focused.
- Comprehensive Plan: Chapter 9, Arts and Culture
- Zoning Code: NA
- Other

## Supporting Information

In the spring of 2010, Nicollet Avenue Reconstruction was selected as a site for public art and Art in Public Places support by the Minneapolis Arts Commission's Public Art Advisory Panel through the selection process outlined in Section VI of the City's Public Art Policies. Working with a local public art committee consisting of residents, neighborhoods, businesses, Metro Transit staff and City representatives, and through an open call process,

Art in Public Places selected artists Ben Janssens and Marjorie Pitz to design artworks to be integrated into the 10 block area of Nicollet Avenue from Lake to 40<sup>th</sup> Streets. In collaboration with this committee, Ben and Marjorie have drafted design concepts that include up to three gateways and approximately six/seating bike rack elements along the Avenue at multiple locations.

These artworks will be placed in both the public right of way and on private property, and will become part of the City of Minneapolis public art collection. Details regarding maintenance, liability and permission to place these artworks on private property will be outlined in agreements with the property owners. Installation of the artworks will be in Fall 2014 and Spring 2015.