



## **Arts and Humanities Meeting Agenda Special Meeting for the Storm Drain Art Project**

May 27, 2022  
Virtual Meeting  
Minutes

**Members Present:** Mary Sellers, Ariadne Autor, Maureen Budetti, Nikki Graves Henderson, Laura Hull

**Liaisons Present:** Corey Price, Letty Hardi, Marybeth Connelly

**Guests:** Emma Tice Kepner, Mika Galvin

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Laura Hull at 9:07 AM

### **Receipt of Public Comments**

- No comments were received

### **New Business:**

#### **1. Background**

- Polluted runoff is the number one cause of water pollution in NOVA
- This project combines public art and environmental stewardship
- Designs should be aquatic, environmentally conscious or clean water themed
- Art supplies funded by the EDA
  - Artists will use traffic paint in 5 colors (black, white, red, blue and yellow)
  - Designs will be sketched in chalk prior to painting
  - Safety equipment will be provided (cones, vests, caution tape and spill kits)
- Storm drain locations were identified by the Dept. of Public Works
- Project timeline is May 23- June 3

#### **Oak Street Design- by Alex Schwartz and Gabi**

- Image of fish splashing down a drain
  - Caution making the fish too similar to Nemo to avoid copyright infringement
  - Consider using fish that are native to the area
  - The orange fish are particularly eye catching
  - Positive response to the variation in water and the water going over the curb on the design

### **Larry Graves Designs- by Emma Tice Kepner**

- Sketch #1- One Big Fish with tagline (only rain down the drain)
  - Simple and gets the point across.
  - Bold colors draw attention to the piece
- Sketch #2 – Water Variation using Ombre of blue with fish of varying sizes, crab and seaweed along with tagline (only rain down the drain).
  - Boldness of the blue color really draws your attention
  - The green of the seaweed and red crab and yellow fish really balance each other.
  - The bubbles really make this image fun to think about
  - Putting the words on the curve really incorporates it into the design
  - Consider adding another element to the bottom left

### **Cherry Hill Park – Mika**

- Sketch #1 – Fish swirling around the man hole
  - The black text will be painted in white text
  - Fish are painted in one of two colors for stronger impact
- Sketch #2 – Two fish swimming around the man hole with waves all around
  - Fish seem balanced, like Yin and Yang
  - Fish were inspired by goldfish
  - Nice to see the perspective of the fish from above.
  - Some white paint will help create the sense of white caps

### **Overall Comments**

- Should the Artists sign or initial the art?
- A bio of each artist along with understanding of the inspiration should be shared for the Falls Church Art Walk Site.

### **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 9:52 AM

*Submitted:*

*By Corey Price*