



Department of Community Development
6801 Delmar Boulevard
University City, MO 63130

Call to Artists Olive Boulevard Bench Painting Project

The City of University City's Department of Community Development invites artists to submit designs for wood benches to be painted for Olive Boulevard bus stops without a bus shelter. These works of art will contribute to the vitality and attractiveness of Olive Boulevard in University City. The theme for the art work is Ethnic Diversity. The benches will be located in the International District of Olive. The restaurants and businesses there represent many nations and ethnicities. For more information on Olive Boulevard and the ethnic diversity visit www.theolivelink.com.

A total of Six (6) benches will be painted using 6 different designs.

Design Criteria

- See attached bench photo and measurements
- Using the theme Ethnic Diversity, include a painting that would fit into the Olive Boulevard streetscape.
- Designs must be original and may not include other's copyrighted images, trademarks, brands, images of illegal activity, or have objects attached to the bench.
- Artists may use paints that are appropriate for wood. The city will have the benches sealed after painting.
- Artists will provide their own insurance and will sign a release that states the City of University City is not responsible for any injuries sustained while working.

Responsibilities

- The City of University City will be responsible for delivering the bench to the artist, and applying a clear sealant for outdoor use after the bench is painted.
- Artists will provide your own painting supplies
- After artist is selected, you will have 3 three weeks to complete the painting project, in June, 2018.

Application Process

- Application should be one page and include the following information:
 - Name, work samples, photos or website information, statement describing design and how it relates to Ethnic Diversity
 - Template design must be attached to the application. Do not include name or other information on the template.
 - Artists welcome to submit up to twelve applications and designs.
- Submit electronic application and template to: abrown@ucitymo.org, by 5:00PM on Friday, March 23.

Selection Process

Submissions will be judged by a selection committee that will include neighborhood representatives, Olive Boulevard property and business owners, art professionals, and City staff. City staff will review each submission for completeness and the panel will anonymously evaluate each design on the basis of artistic and technical merit. Artists will be provided a \$300 honorarium after being selected and signing a release. An additional \$300 will be rewarded after completion, inspection by members of the selection committee, and providing the City with a W-9 form.

Important Dates

- Monday, February 12 – Call to artists posted on City of U City web site.
- Friday, March 23 – Application and template due. Electronic submissions preferred, emailed to abrown@ucitymo.org. Hand delivered or mailed entries will be accepted to Department of Community Development, 6801 Delmar Blvd, University City, MO 63130.
- Week of April 18 – Selection committee will convene to select six works of art, including public input. g will be open to select the “People’s Choice Award.”
- Week of April 23 – Artists will be notified of results and will sign release when the bench is delivered.
- May 24 through early June 21 – Artists to paint benches.
- Week of June 21 benches will be picked up and taken to be sealed before installing.

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