

CITY OF BROOKINGS

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Brookings seeks temporary art for new Pedestrian Oasis

The City of Brookings Public Art Committee (PAC) has released a Request for Proposals to local artists and art groups for temporary sculpture installations at its new Pedestrian Oasis at Chetco and Hillside Avenues.

The Pedestrian Oasis project recently transformed a debris-filled vacant lot into a neighborhood pocket park, utilizing recycled concrete and utility poles, as well as native plantings and a 40-foot mural, to create the new urban park. But there's more to come.

"Now that the basic work is done, we're moving to the next stage: making this little park a showcase for local art, artists and art events," reports Dianne Morris, Brookings' Planning Director and the staff representative on the Committee,

In short, the Committee is seeking temporary installations of outdoor sculptural pieces. By temporary, the group means that the selected art will be displayed at the park for a term of from six months to a year.

Adds Morris, "Obviously, any piece considered for the site would need to be fairly large and extremely durable, since it will be completely exposed to weather and potential handling by park visitors. And, though there are no funds to pay artists for displaying their works, we hope artists will see it as an opportunity to gain exposure."

Artists who are interested in making a proposal to the public art committee, can contact Morris to receive a copy of the prospectus, which offers details about the application process. The first deadline for proposals is January 2, 2012.

Proposals will be reviewed by the Public Art Committee and a decision regarding the first installation will be made by Feb. 1, 2012. For a copy of the prospectus, call or email Dianne Morris: 541 469-1138: dmorris@brookings.or.us.

Or, you can download "Hillside Request for Proposals" on the City of Brookings website: www.brookings.or.us.

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