

CITY OF MISSOULA FIRE DEPARTMENT PERCENT FOR ART PROJECT AT THE MEMORIAL ROSE GARDEN PARK

Request for Art Proposals

A City of Missoula Public Art Project 2009

The Missoula Public Art Committee invites you to submit a design proposal for a public art piece at the Memorial Rose Garden Park honoring/paying tribute to past, present, and future firefighters of the Missoula Fire Department.

ARTWORK:

The City of Missoula Fire Department desires an artistic installation which pays tribute to Missoula's firefighters - past, present, and future. Its intention is to create a space that inspires an uplifting experience and celebrates the service of those the tribute honors. The artist is encouraged to be innovative. The tribute may be interactive, and need not be limited to the traditional parameters of a memorial. It can encourage viewers to move into and out of its space. A broad range of artistic expression is welcome for consideration - traditional, contemporary abstract, or impressionistic in either two- or three-dimension.

BUDGET

The total budget is \$40,000, which must cover design, materials, fabrication, shipping, and installation.

ELIGIBILITY

This project is open to artists living in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Wyoming and Colorado. Professional artists with experience in the field of public art are encouraged to apply.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE

June 24, 2009

SITE

The City of Missoula Firefighter Tribute is proposed to be located in the southwestern corner of Memorial Rose Garden Park. (This park is at the intersection of Mount and Brooks Streets in Missoula, Montana.) The location is near the "Picnic Area," and is one that is welcoming to all park users. The area surrounding the proposed location is designed to provide space for casual park use.

The proposed site location for this artwork is as noted in photographs included with this invitation. The designated artwork location has been identified "on site" for those artists who choose to visit the location. The site is a level grassy area of approximately 400 square feet. The artwork may fill all or a portion of the space. Submittals must conform to the Memorial Rose Park Master Plan and the City of Missoula Outdoor Lighting Ordinance (Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 8.64). It is recommended that submittals respect the scope and scale of existing on-site memorials.

CITY OF MISSOULA FIRE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT

The firefighters of the Missoula Fire Department have a long history of serving the citizens of the Missoula community. Many men and women have spent a good portion of their lives in dedicated service since the first Missoula Fire Department facility was dedicated in 1887. Numerous memorials have been constructed around the country honoring those firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty, but few honor those who repeatedly faced the dangers of firefighting and emergency response on a daily basis.

The tribute to the firefighters of the Missoula Fire Department will honor the firefighters throughout the years who commit their careers to serving the needs of the Missoula community. Dedicated individuals have come and gone, many still serve, and many more will commit to the various disciplines required of firefighters of the future.

The department's intent is to create a tribute that honors the past, present, and future of the Missoula Fire Department and its firefighters is encouraged.

- City of Missoula Fire Department

PROJECT BACKGROUND

In January of this year, a new era commenced for the Missoula Fire Department. For the first time in its 120-plus year history, the Department began responding to emergency calls from five firehouses. The department has evolved from a handful of volunteers to a paid staff, at present, of ninety-five men and women. The expansion of the Fire Department reflects not only the growth of Missoula, but also the support and will of the voting public. In 2005, the Missoula electorate voted to fund three fire station projects: the construction of a new fifth fire station, the demolition and reconstruction of a 50-plus year-old station, and the remodel of another station. In December 2008, with the finishing touches complete, response began from all five stations. With this ambitious project came the opportunity to satisfy the City of Missoula Municipal Code referencing 1% for public art. After much deliberation, the City of Missoula Fire Department chose Missoula's Memorial Rose Garden Park as the preferred location for their tribute. (A video outlining the history of the Missoula Fire Department is available at <http://www.mcat.org/>)

Memorial Rose Garden Park was established in 1944 by the City and the Missoula Rose Society to commemorate members of the armed forces killed in World War II. It has since become the site for memorials dedicated to casualties of America's conflicts including Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, and the Persian Gulf. In addition, there are a variety of other memorials throughout the park, including the Missoula Law Enforcement Memorial. The Missoula Rose Society purchases and maintains over 2,000 roses in several beds throughout the park.

The Memorial Rose Garden Park Master Plan was adopted in July 2008 and serves as a long-range vision for future development and programming. The adopted plan emphasizes the importance and significance of the memorials and monuments in the park, including the Rose Garden itself.

SITE SPECIFICATIONS— PLAN - PHOTOS

The Missoula community, led by the City of Missoula Parks and Recreation Department, has completed a master planning process for the Memorial Rose Garden .

The following images illustrate the locations for future installments, pathways, and landscaping. The pathway to the Tribute site (shown in yellow) does not exist at the present time, but will be completed with the installation of the artwork. Costs associated with pathways to the Tribute site are not the responsibility of the artist. If the artist, however, chooses to create all or a portion of the pathway as part of the work, he/she must comply with the walkway guidelines from the Memorial Rose Park Master Plan, a portion of which is attached.

MEMORIAL ROSE GARDEN PARK MASTER PLAN - FIREFIGHTER TRIBUTE



Legend

- Master Plan Lines
- + Existing Memorials
- Conifer Big
- Conifer Small
- Deciduous Small
- Deciduous Big
- Deciduous Big
- + Living Memorials

Please see the "Guiding Principles" document for more detailed explanations of park elements and Master Plan implementation strategies

This image is for discussion purposes only. It is not intended to be used for construction. The lines that appear on this map do not necessarily represent actual property boundaries.

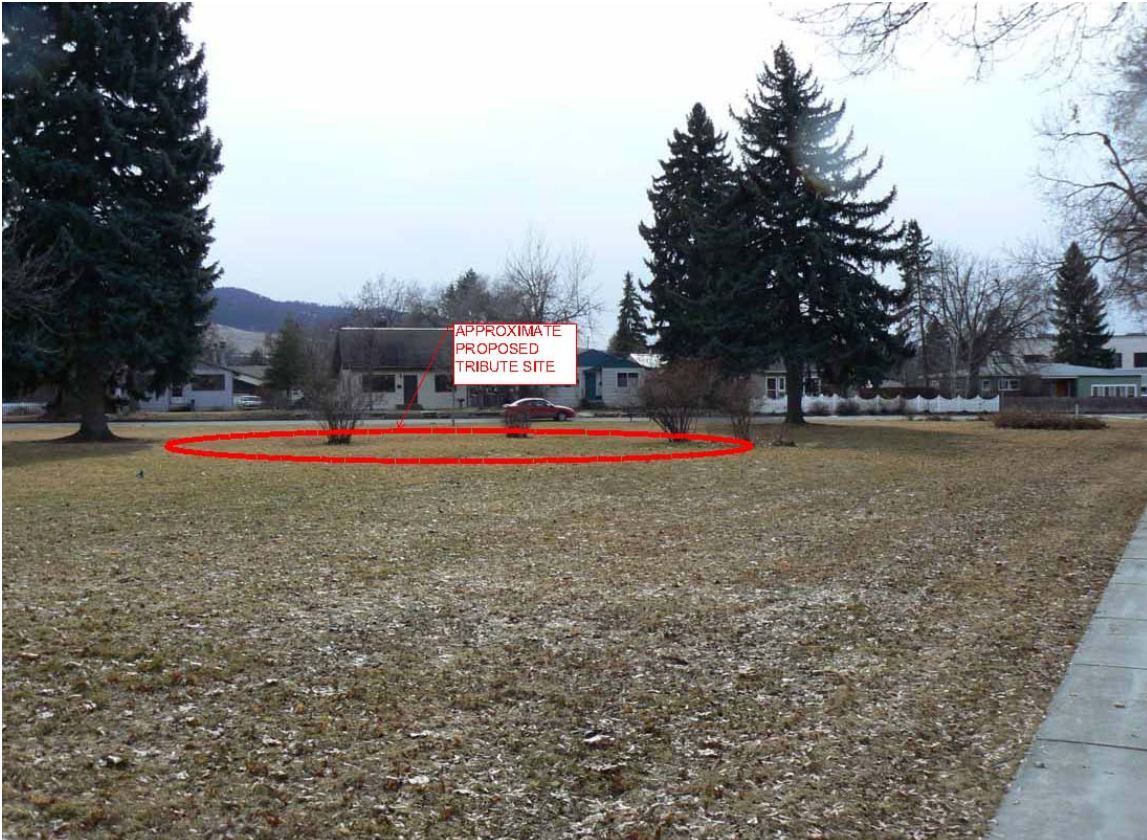


Above: Aerial of Memorial Rose Garden Park. Red circle depicts approximate location of Tribute site. Image courtesy of Missoula Parks & Recreation.

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Above: Detail of proposed Tribute site. Red circle depicts approximate location. Image courtesy of Missoula Parks & Recreation.



LEFT: Red circle depicts approximate location of Tribute site in Memorial Rose Garden Park - looking southwest.



Left: Red circle depicts approximate location of Tribute site, in Memorial Rose Garden Park - looking southeast.

SELECTION Process

The artwork to be selected will be a major public art commission. As such, the Missoula Public Art Committee expects that it be of the highest quality in both concept and execution, while recognizing public safety and durability. The Committee encourages proposals that balance the artistic design in the artwork with the setting of the designated area. When developing proposals, artists should consider the Fire Department statement, project background, the design aesthetics of the park, proposed traffic flow to the artwork, and the site itself. Artists should also delineate any special environmental factors to be considered.

The Selection Committee will consist of the members of the Missoula Public Art Committee and representation from each of the following: City of Missoula Fire Department, Missoula Parks and Recreation, the Memorial Rose Park Design Review Team, the Rose Park Neighborhood Council, and other individuals the Public Art Committee may deem appropriate. The Selection Committee will review all materials received by the specified deadline for content, completeness, qualifications, experience, and references. Any changes to the project scope will be noted at the Public Art website (http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/mayor/public_art.htm).

TIMELINE

June 24, 2009

Proposals are to be received by the Selection Committee not later than 5:00 p.m. Submissions postmarked after **June 24, 2009** will not be accepted.

July 8, 2009

The Selection Committee will announce finalists.

July 8 - 13, 2009

The Selection Committee will schedule interviews with finalists through conference calls or personal interviews. (NOTE: If the artist chooses to travel to Missoula for a presentation, the Missoula Public Art Committee will not assume costs related to such travel.)

July 15, 2009

The Missoula Public Art Committee will award the commission. A standard public art contract agreement will be executed thereafter between the artist and the City of Missoula.

October 1, 2009

October is Fire Prevention Month. It is desired that the work be installed for dedication by Friday, October 2, 2009.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Artists must submit the following information. Digital copies are encouraged and may be emailed to: JLogan@ci.missoula.mt.us, "Subject: Fire Department Tribute" (Jeff Logan, Battalion Chief, Missoula Fire Department). If submittals are provided in hard copy, **artists must provide 10 copies of items one through four.**

1. **Proposal Description / Project Description** (limited to one page - 8-1/2" x 11") delineating materials and any special environmental or structural requirements.
2. **Completed Application** form, including:
 - a. Slide/Digital Image identification
 - b. Proposal budget
3. **Current resume** detailing your experience as an artist and any past public art projects (please, no more than three pages). NOTE: Additional support materials may be submitted that relate to the artist's past public art experience.
4. **A scale model and/or copies of detailed drawings** of the proposed artwork. Presentation should simulate color and materials. Please note: a scale model will be required for all finalists.
5. **Twelve (12) slides** of your best works or digital images on cd (for example: .jpg, bmp, .tif, .pdf). (It is suggested that these pieces have relevance to public commissions.) Each piece of documentation must be clearly identified with the artist's name, title of work, size, installation location if appropriate, and numbered to correspond with an attached annotated list. If sending slides, identify as follows: when holding the slide right side up, with image in correct left-to-right orientation, place an "x" in the lower left hand corner.
6. All applications must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope/labels to accommodate the return of submission.

For safety and security of storage, pending the Selection Committee's decision, all submission application materials should be sent or delivered to: **Missoula Fire Department, 625 East Pine, Missoula, Montana 59802 Attention: "MISSOULA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE – MISSOULA FIRE DEPARTMENT PROJECT."** Artists are responsible for the delivery and return of their pieces. The Missoula Public Art Committee, the City of Missoula, the Missoula Fire Department and Missoula Parks and Recreation take no responsibility for the return of designs/models after the competition. ***Artists must make arrangements for the retrieval of their designs by August 15, 2009.***

THE MEMORIAL ROSE GARDEN PARK MASTER PLAN

The following is excerpted from the Memorial Rose Garden Park Master Plan. Artists are encouraged to review the plan in its entirety (See Related Links, p. 9).

Master Plan Concept & Purpose

The design gently organizes the site into a dedicated Memorial area and Park Visitor area. Walkways and Landscape Beds define user areas, enhance views and provide enclosure. Design iconography of built structures and site details unite the overall park, and strengthen the user experience. The purpose of the Master Plan and Guiding Principles is to preserve and enhance the parks original intended use. The documents act as a tool to guide growth within the park in response to continuing community desire to acknowledge those who have given their lives in service, and the need to provide places of rest, reflection and natural beauty for all citizens. While fundamental aspects of this Master Plan and Guiding Principles should be respected, final design should be undertaken within an appropriate context of time, and meaning for each particular element.

Memorial Development

***New memorials** shall strive to capture the power of the time and event being remembered, engage multiple generations of visitors, and increase knowledge and awareness of the event through innovative and unique design. Memorials designed to educate, evoke emotion, and transcend politics to honor the nature of human sacrifice will benefit from continuing stewardship by ensuing generations.*

***Landscape Design** is critical to the success of the memorial experience. The landscape component should be strong and simple, enhance the contemplative experience, and be integrated meaningfully into any built structure. The design of 'living memorials' that rely primarily on plant materials is encouraged as it is consistent with the original dedication of the park.*

***Constructed Features** in Memorial Rose Garden Park must be designed and constructed of materials that are timeless and durable. Elements should be designed to withstand at least a 100 year lifespan. Quality materials and detailing contribute to the sense of honor and respect inherent in the park.*

Material choices should be viewed as a mechanism to unite the site; however, a variety of complementing materials is appropriate.

***Plant Materials** should be selected to maximize symbolic relationships to the memorial experience, minimize water and maintenance requirements and enhance the visual and ecological quality of the site. Plants should be considered "place" and "space" makers and used for a range of sensory benefits, including: bloom, foliage and stem color, sound; movement; texture; seasonal variety; and fragrance.*

Design Iconography

Arbors, benches, other built structures, and landscape elements should incorporate a shared set of elements, or "icons", that work to lend a sense of character and continuity to the park. Icons may be a shared stylistic detail, a unique use of material or combination of materials, a unique planting design, or repeated use of a logo or other visual symbol, among other things.

Walking Surfaces

Walking Surfaces must meet accessibility guidelines as stated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). All primary walkways must include a paved surface (concrete is preferred) of at least 5 feet in width to facilitate wheelchair travel. The majority of walkways within the park should be permeable and promote a garden aesthetic. Locally available materials should be given preference. Compacted, decomposed or crushed granite is the preferred material for internal walks. In areas of concentrated use, such as around entryways, monuments and the Rose Pavilion walks may be augmented with unit pavers or concrete. In areas that experience regular vehicular use for maintenance and service, judicious use of concrete may be appropriate. Apart from concrete walkways, impermeable pavements should be minimized and used in a manner that reduces their

impact on the natural character of the site.

INFORMATION / QUESTIONS

All information, including application materials, park schematics, etc. is available at http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/mayor/public_art.htm.

Questions related to this proposal may be directed to:

Joan Jonkel, Chair
Missoula Public Art Committee
221 N. Higgins Avenue Box 8687
Missoula, MT 59807
Tel: (406) 721-1835 Fax: (406) 721-1839
Email: Jonkel@bigsky.net

Questions related to the Missoula Fire Department may be directed to:

Jeff Logan, Battalion Chief
Missoula Fire Department
625 East Pine
Missoula, MT 59802
Tel: (406) 552-6210
Email: JLogan@ci.missoula.mt.us

Questions related to the site may be directed to:

Dave Shaw
Missoula Parks & Recreation
600 Cregg Lane
Missoula, MT 59801
Tel: (406) 721-7275 or (406) 552-6264
Email: DShaw@ci.missoula.mt.us

RELATED LINKS

City of Missoula: <http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/>

Missoula Parks & Recreation: <http://www.missoulaparks.org/> or
<http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/parksrec/default.htm>

City of Missoula Fire Department: <http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/fire/default.htm>

Missoula Community Access Television (MCAT): <http://www.mcat.org/>

Memorial Rose Garden Park Master Plan:

<http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/parksrec/Parks/Rose/2008-07MemRoseFinalMasterPlanPkt.pdf>

Missoula Outdoor Lighting Ordinance:

ftp://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/Documents/MissoulaMunicipalCode/08-HEALTH&SAFETY.htm#Chapter_8_64

RESERVATION RIGHTS

The Missoula Public Art Committee is designated to review, advocate and develop public art projects in the City of Missoula. Since 1985, it has strived to develop a formal structure in which to create, develop and maintain public art as well as further public accessibility to the arts.

The City of Missoula Public Art Committee reserves the right at any time to supplement, amend or otherwise modify this solicitation and to request additional or supplemental information or proposals from any or all participating artists. In addition, the City reserves the right to accept or reject, at any time prior to the commissioning of a work, any or all proposals or any part thereof submitted in connection with this solicitation; to waive any defect or technicality; and to advertise for new proposals where the acceptance, rejection waiver, or advertisement would be in the best interests of the City. The City also reserves the right to negotiate unacceptable provisions incorporated within an otherwise acceptable proposal. A proposal which is incomplete, unclear, conditional or which contains irregularities of any kind, may be rejected without evaluation.

Failure to comply with proposal requirements described in the prospectus will constitute an invalid application.

APPLICATION
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