

Parks Department & Arts Program Collaborations

ARTS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

COLLABORATIONS

Arts Program Components

Liaison to Arts Commission

Public Art Program – CIP

Funding Programs: Eastside Arts Partnerships & Special Projects – General Fund

Cultural Compass & other cultural policy work

Cultural Facilities & other special initiatives

Arts Commission – City Code

Advisors on the arts to Council and Staff; studies & recommendations;
assignments from Council

Community:

“central commission” for community concerns and ideas regarding arts

“Seek to enlarge the art consciousness of Bellevue”

“Encourage multi-age working, sharing, learning and teaching in the arts”

Artists & Arts Organizations:

“Provide recognition and encouragement to local artists...”

Capital and Budgetary:

“Explore financing” for arts acquisitions, activities and capital improvements

Review the suitability of any work of art intended as a gift to the city.

Public Art

A CITY IN A PARK...WITH ART...

Public Art Program

Capital Fund - \$350,000 annually, straight allocation (not a percent)

Commission new art works

Temporary art exhibitions

Maintain the City's collection

Provide information about the City's public art

Public Art Program

Goals:

1. Establish/Enhance an urban walkway extending from City Hall to the waterfront.
2. Encourage developers to incorporate public art into their projects.
3. Engage neighborhoods in commissioning new public art for their neighborhoods.

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Goals:

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Public Art in Parks and Community Centers

Multi-level Collaborations

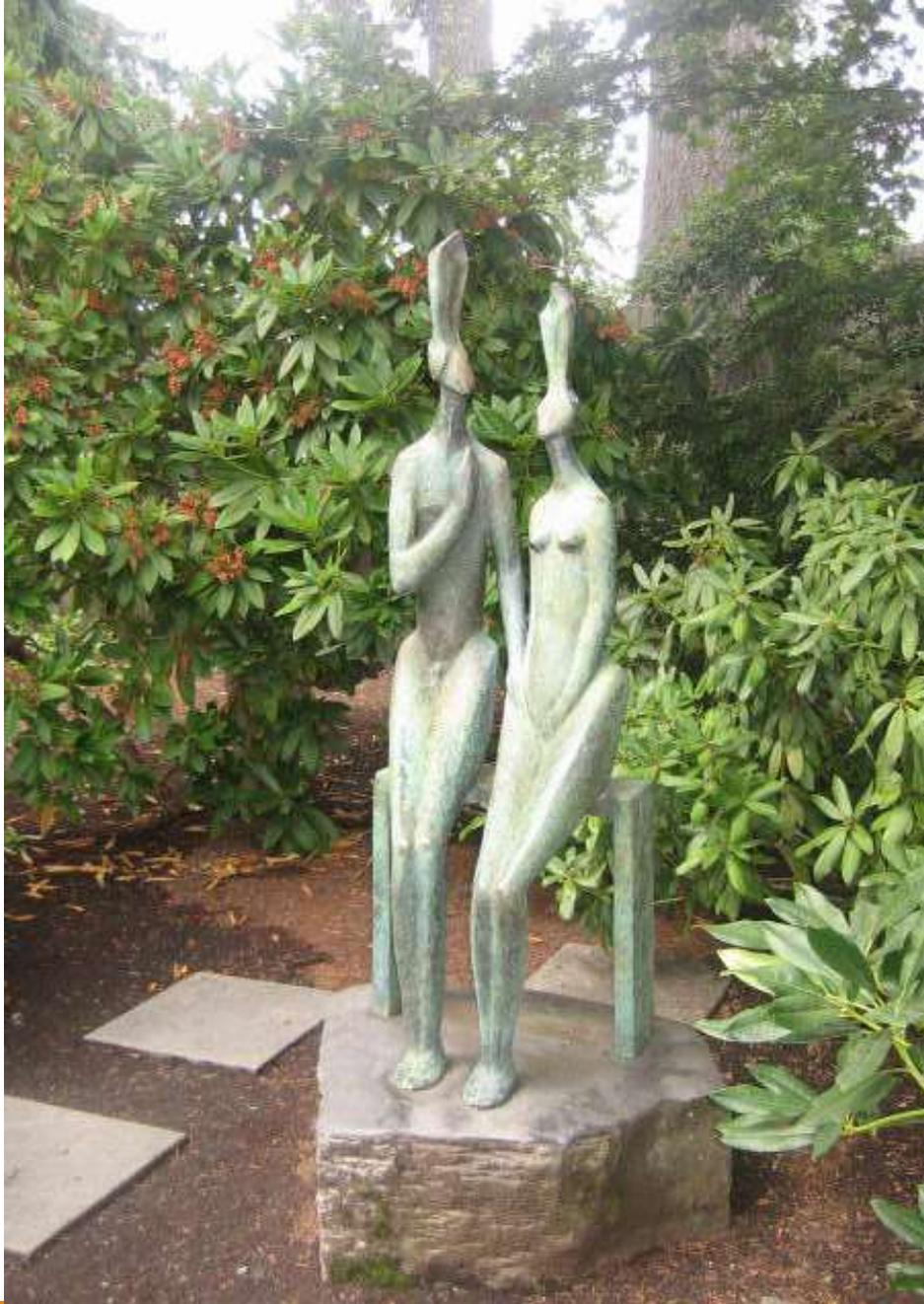
- Parks Planners
- Resource Management
- Community Center Managers
- Assistant Director
Brittingham
- Director
- Formal Projects
- Collaborations
- Cross-consulting



The Nature of Sitting

Artist: Pam Beyette

Bellevue Botanical
Garden



*Mr. and Mrs.
William Blake*
Artist: Donovan
Peterson
Robinswood
House

*Arc with Four
Forms*
Artist: George
Baker
Downtown Park





Double Inquiry | Artist: Larry Kirkland | Ashwood Plaza

Salmon Woman and Raven (Detail)

Artist: Tom Jay

Highland Community
Center



Bellevue Sculpture Exhibition/Bellwether

Bellevue Sculpture Exhibition Established in 1992 in the Downtown Park

Major influence in the region

Many added locations, but always focused on the Park.

Today - Bellwether, a signature event, is an art walk

Takes a full year of preparation – about 45 sculptures and installations, City Hall to Downtown Park

Parks Dept. Collaboration

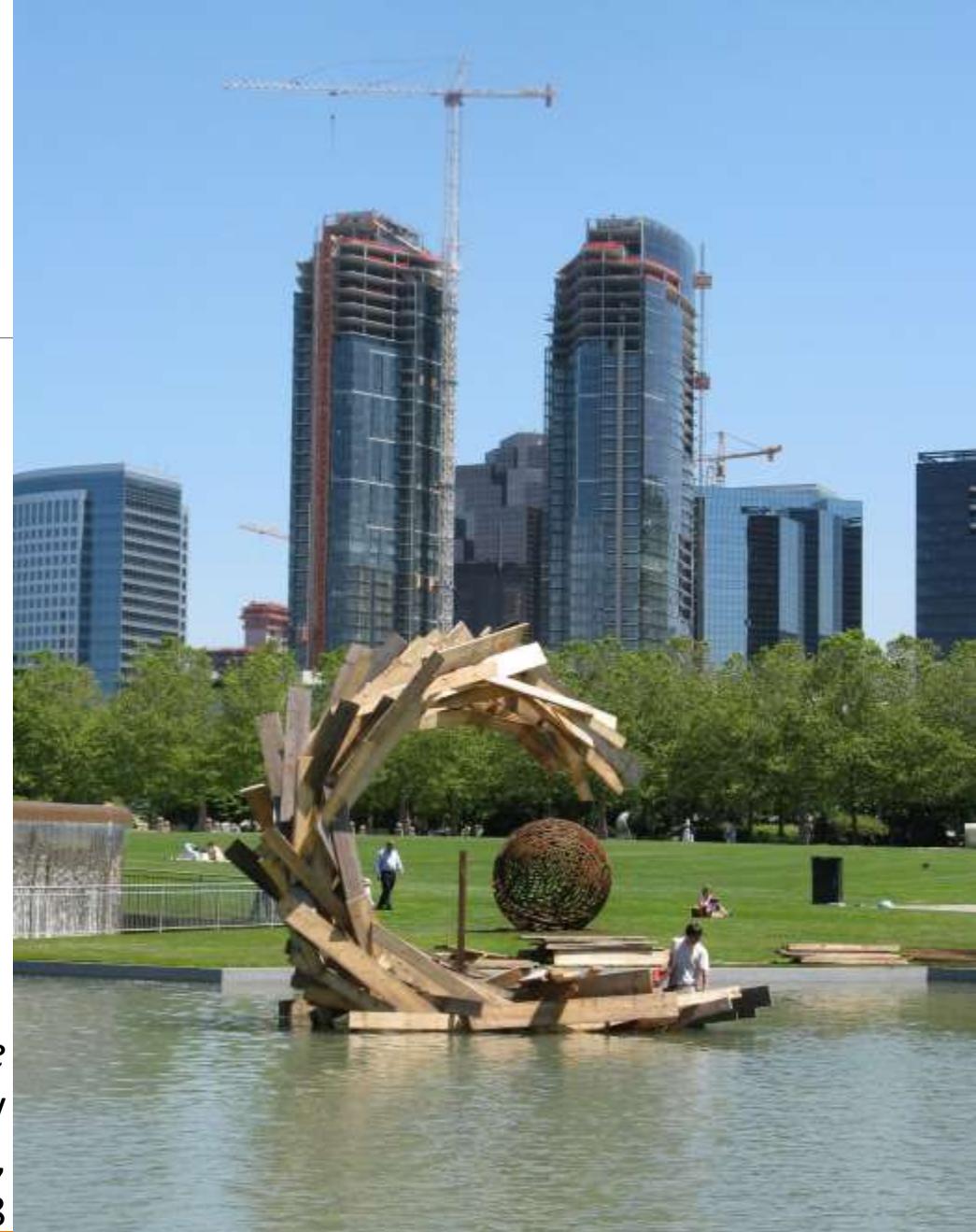
Education – two-way

- Maintenance requirements
- Patterns of Park use/public safety considerations
- Mechanical facts of life

Mutual Sense of Adventure

- Art as grass sculpture
- Art in the trees
- Art in the pond

Building Wave
Constructed on site by
artist Christopher Fennel,
2008



Meydenbauer Bay Park Phase 1

Public Art will be integral to the design & reflects the design goals of the park

Collaboration with Parks Department Project Manager Robin Cole and Anchor QEA

Three artists/three assignments:

- Adam McIsaac: Ravine
- Stuart Nakamura: Promenade and Pier
- Laura Brodax: Beach House



Approximate Locations for Art

Current and Recent Projects

Bridle Trails Neighborhood: Homage by Bruce Myers; Dedicated 2014

Newport Hills Neighborhood: Rain Catchers by Bruce Myers; Dedicated 2014

Lamp Posts Project: Art created to attach to lamp posts along the Pedestrian Corridor – multi year, July – October. Partnership with Bellevue Arts Museum

Storefronts: Temporary art displays in storefront windows. Partnership with Meydenbauer Center. Ongoing.

In Development

6 light rail stations, in partnership with Sound Transit – Design Development

Lattawood Park – early planning

Lake Hills Utility Pole project – early planning



ArtMap for Downtown Bellevue

123 art works in Downtown alone

- 24 belong to City of Bellevue
- 27 belong to other public agencies
- 72 placed by businesses and developers

Funding Programs

EASTSIDE ARTS PARTNERSHIPS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Two City Funding Programs

Total: \$110,000

Eastside Arts Partnerships

- Organizational
- Most or all annual programming is in Bellevue

“Tell us about your organization.”

Special Projects

- Artists or organizations
- Project-oriented
- Project takes place in Bellevue
- Exceptions possible

“Tell us about your project.”

Trends among arts groups

- Programs expanding, more challenging
- Space is major theme, both positive and worrisome
- Extraordinary growth in culturally diverse groups applying
- Next: Movement towards new collaborations

Facilities

Home of Bellevue Youth Theatre



Future home of KidsQuest Children's Museum

Ten20 theatre space



Resonance at Soma Tower



Future Tateuchi Center

Policy Development

GETTING ART INTO THE CITY'S DNA



Art Incorporated into Major City Policies & Plans

- Comprehensive Plan – several elements
- Cultural Compass – the City’s cultural plan
- Parks and Open Space System Plan
- Bel Red vision and subarea policies
- City of Bellevue Light Rail Best Practices

Cultural Compass's 8 Goals Address:

1. Strengthening Organizations and Artists
2. Supporting Economic and Business Development
3. Promoting Cultural Diversity
4. Enhancing Cultural Education
5. Developing Cultural Facilities
6. Expanding Public Art
7. Building Public and Private Funding
8. Implementing the Cultural Compass

Other Interesting, Ephemeral Work

MORE COLLABORATIONS WITH PARKS DEPARTMENT



Chop Shop Contemporary Dance Festival

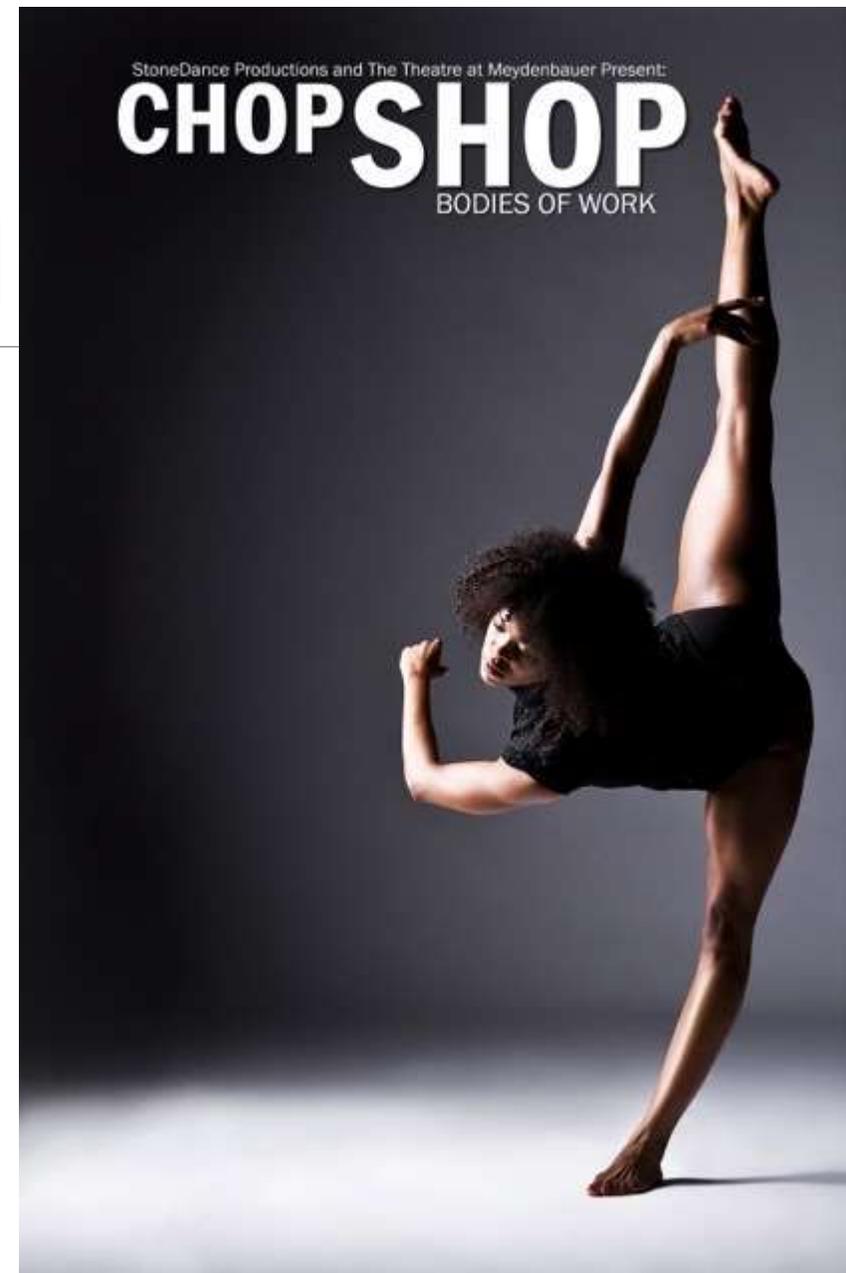
Annual festival of contemporary dance

Spotlights dance companies and choreographers throughout the region and beyond

Funded through Special Projects

Supported through Parks Department

- Free lecture demonstrations and dance workshops for all levels in community centers
- Marketed through Parks Department



Pianos in the Parks

Pianos in public places for all to play
30 days – mid July to mid August
2015 first year on Eastside – 3 in
Bellevue

Eye-Guy from Outer Space
Artist: Vikram Madan
Location: Downtown Park





Artist: Eve Alyson
Botanical Garden

PIANOS *in the* PARKS

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Artist:
Larine Chung
Ashwood Plaza

Julian Frank starts
off the opening
celebration



Pianos in the Parks

Opening Day at Ashwood Plaza

Mayor Balducci makes the point: the pianos are for everyone to play.

Theatre Simple at Botanical Garden

*Wonderland: Alice's
Adventures*

Funded through
Special Projects

Performances
happened
throughout the
Garden





Red Queen
holds a dance
with audience
and
characters

Future Directions

AND FUTURE COLLABORATIONS

Thinking about Future Collaborations

1. Preserve what's working today

- Arts and culture are part of Parks Department values
- Collaborations today developed over many years
- Take steps to preserving them through staff transitions

2. Enormous opportunities lie ahead.

Bel-Red Arts District

- “Making” emphasis to complement the downtown’s exhibition and performance activities
- Cross pollinate artists and digital designers
- Artist Live/Work in affordable housing



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The Grand Connection

Establish the vision for a grand connection from Meydenbauer Bay Park to the Wilburton Special Opportunity District.



Council
Priority

Arts: A Medium for the Human Connection



Studies find that a high concentration of the arts in a city leads to higher civic engagement and lower crime and poverty rates.

The arts help us express our values and the human experience, building bridges among cultures.

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Thank you!



Aiko Kinoshita, *Park Dances*, 2010