Art Commission Application Form

You must submit the following along with this form as a single PDF.

• Individual or organizational statement (250 word max)
• Letter of intent that includes history of project and its impact on the community (500 word max)
• Visual materials (See Art Commission Guidelines for requirement)
• Budget describing cost of materials, artist fees, maintenance, installation, etc.
• Two letters of support from project partners or neighborhood organizations
• One letter of support from the Department of Public Works or Department of Mobility & Infrastructure

Notes:

• You may be required to hold a Development Activities Meeting with the applicable Registered Community Organization prior to Hearing. For more information, visit pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/rc.0.
• After receiving Art Commission approval, any necessary permits, certificates of occupancy, legal agreements, or other city approvals are still required. These must be applied for separately at the appropriate City departments and are the responsibility of the applicant.
• Application format is a digital copy of full application form, required documents, and the presentation to be projected at the Hearing as one single PDF. Send all documents to pacd@pittsburghpa.gov.

Project Information

Type of Project:

☐ Conceptual Review
☒ Conceptual/Final Review
☐ Final Review
☐ Courtesy Review

Has this project been come before Art Commission before?

☐ No    ☒ Yes, when: 9/17/20, 9/23/20

Duration of project: From ___/___/____ to ___/___/____

Permanent?    ☐ No    ☒ Yes
Project Location

Address: Schenley Drive & Frew Street Ext, Schenley Park

Cross Streets or other relevant information:

Neighborhood: Squirrel Hill South

Applicant Information

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Relationship or Role in Project: Department of City Planning & Public Art & Civic Design Division

Co-Applicant (optional)

Name: ________________________________

Mailing Address:
City:  ________________________________

______________________________ State: ____________________ Zip: _________

Phone: ________________________________  Email: ____________________________

Relationship or Role in Project: ________________________________

Presenter at Hearing if different than applicant: ________________________________
On September 23, 2020, the Art Commission voted unanimously that the statue of Christopher Columbus in Schenley Park should be removed. On October 9, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh issued a letter to the Art Commission in which he agreed and supported this decision, and asked the Commission to render a Final Vote on the matter. Following due process, the City of Pittsburgh Department of City Planning hereby submits an application for a final vote on the removal of the Christopher Columbus statue, with process details described below.

The Department of Public Works, working with the Department of City Planning is able to facilitate the complete removal of the statue, plinth, and related signage. These departments recommend the effective decommissioning of the fountain by completely filling in the basin. As this property is under long-term lease to Phipps Conservatory, this area can then be laid with topsoil, grass, and/or landscape plantings consistent with the program and care of the surrounding areas. The removal described above can be accomplished by the Department of Public Works utilizing existing resources. Activity can begin as soon as possible following Art Commission approval, and pending resolution of existing legal action.

Community support has been previously provided and reviewed by the Commission in the form of over 3,300 emails and online comments requesting that the statue be removed. We ask the Commission to complete full due process by making a final vote for removal of the Christopher Columbus statue as described here.