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/rco.
- 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?

- Yes, when: __________________

Duration of project: From 2/1/2020 to 12/31/2021

Permanent?

- No
- Yes
Project Location

Address: 19 Engine, 159 Homestead St
Pittsburgh, PA 15218

Cross Streets or other relevant information: Corner of Homestead St., & Commercial St.

Neighborhood: Swisshelm Park


Applicant Information

Name: Claire S. Mastroberardino, City of Pittsburgh, Dept of Public Works

Mailing Address: 414 Grant Street, Suite 300

City: Pittsburgh State: PA Zip: 15219

Phone: 412.523.0594 Email: claire.mastroberardino@pittsburghpa.gov

Relationship or Role in Project: Project Manager

Co-Applicant (optional)

Name: __________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________________________ Zip: ___________

Phone: __________________________ Email: __________________________

Relationship or Role in Project: __________________________

Presenter at Hearing if different than applicant: __________________________
Dear Art Commissioners,

The Department of Public Works, Bureau of Facilities, Architecture Division, respectfully submits an application to the Art Commission for the Fire Station 19 building addition project located at 159 Homestead Street in Swisshelm Park. The Bureau of Facilities, Architecture Division is the entity responsible for design and construction projects for all city-owned and/or operated facilities for the City of Pittsburgh.

The Bureau of Facilities has been working with the Bureau of Fire over the last few years to enact cancer prevention measures outlined by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and as promoted by the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) union. One key component of this initiative is to provide space, separate from the apparatus bay and main living quarters, for a turnout gear locker room, shower(s), and separate ventilation system. This ensures that carcinogens tracked in on clothing and skin does not transfer to living quarters where Fire Fighters sleep and eat.

Built in the early 1900s, the building itself is small with just over 4000 square feet, and nestled in the depression of two hills. The bay is narrow and shallow, and houses one fire engine run by a crew of four Fire Fighters. To achieve this separate space, therefore, DPW proposes replacing an 80 SF room concealed from public view, with a 360 SF addition that aligns with the one story bump out at the back of the building utilizing a brick that best matches the existing. An obsolete chimney will be removed, and a new roof will be installed over the back one story area to match the existing metal roof.

As required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for all critical infrastructure to include Police and Fire stations, DPW must install a generator to run emergency services at the station in the event of power outages. This will be installed in the rear of the building near the electrical panel, and will be screened from public view in some manner.

This project is part of a series of five renovations across the City. Because the building and site are small, and outdoor areas within public view are limited, DPW proposes one of two options for public art. The first would be to aggregate funds for all five stations and incorporate art where there is room or secondly, to utilize arts to create the decorative screens.

Design drawings and renderings are attached as part of this application. The Bureau of Facilities would apply under separate application for the art work as directed by the Art Commission.

Best Regards,

Claire S. Mastroberardino
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TO:    Sarah Minnaert, Public Art and Civic Design Manager  DEPT: City Planning
FROM:  Michael Gable, P.E., Director  DEPT: Public Works
DATE:  December 18, 2020
RE:    Letter of Support – Fire Station 19, Building Addition

This memo serves as a Letter of Support for the Fire Station 19 Building Addition project as noted above. The project addresses Bureau of Fire needs for cancer prevention by separating out turnout gear lockers, and installing showers in an area behind the building off the main apparatus bay. The work continues to improve on cancer preventative measures as recommended by the NFPA, while incorporating a new roof design that produces a more cohesive and uniform building design. The Department of Public Works is proud to support this project.

Attachment

MG/CM/cb

C:    Anthony Cavilline, Arts, Culture and History Specialist/City Planning
January 11, 2021

Sarah Minnaert
Public Art and Civic Design Manager
Department of City Planning

Re: Fire Station 19 Addition – Swisshelm Park, 159 Homestead Street

Dear Ms. Minnaert,

I am writing this letter to express my strong support for the proposed addition to Fire Station 19 in Swisshelm Park that is located in a neighborhood I represent.

A small addition at the back of the Station will be built into the hill and accommodate lockers and a small shower. Removing lockers from the bay and allowing our firefighters to shower off potential carcinogens before entering living quarters is an important element in our cancer prevention initiative.

Our city firefighters put their lives on the line to protect us, and not only do we owe them our thanks, we also owe them our best efforts to keep them safe and healthy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Corey O’Connor
Pittsburgh City Council
District 5
Fire Station 19
159 Homestead Street
Swisshelm Park
Existing Conditions

Fire Station 19, 1913, with new metal roof
Existing Right Elevation
Existing Back Elevation

Selective demolition
Fire Station 19
Proposed Addition
159 Homestead Street
Swissshelm Park
Addition & Roof
Proposed Elevations
Proposed Elevations

EXTERIOR ELEVATION

WINDOWS TO HAVE FLAT MULITION BARS 5 1/16 x 5/8

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Fire Station 19
Art Work Idea
Generator Location

Generator

Station

 Proposed Addition
Generator Location
Decorative Screen Surround for Generator
Upcoming Projects to Consider this Solution

Fire Station 34 – Perry North

Fire Station 35 – Brighton Heights

Fire Station 26 – Brookline