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/roco.
- 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: ____________

Duration of project: From ___/31/21 to ___/31/22

Permanent? □ No    □ Yes
Project Location

Address: 447 Hallock Street, 15211 / 1001 Virginia Avenue, 15211

Cross Streets or other relevant information: Building located in the middle of Olympia Park. Olympia Park is also part of Emerald View Park, one of the City's 5 regional parks.

Neighborhood: Mt. Washington / 19th Ward

Applicant Information

Name: Calli Baker (City of Pittsburgh, Dept. of Public Works)

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Relationship or Role in Project: Project Manager (DPW)

Co-Applicant (optional)

Name: Landmarks SGA, LLC

Mailing Address: 102 E. Main Street, Suite 300 PA 15501

City: Somerset State: PA Zip: 15501

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Relationship or Role in Project: Architect

Presenter at Hearing if different than applicant: N/A
July 7, 2021

Department of City Planning
Public Art & Civic Design Division
200 Ross Street, 4th Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

RE: Olympia Park Shelter House Renovation
Art Commission Application for CONCEPTUAL/FINAL Review

Dear Commissioners:

The Department of Public Works (DPW), Bureau of Facilities, Architecture Division, in conjunction with our consultant, Landmarks SGA, LLC is pleased to submit an application for Conceptual/Final Review to the Art Commission and Public Art & Civic Design Division.

Organizational Statement

The DPW Architecture Division is responsible for the design, renovation, and construction of projects at all City-owned and/or operated facilities, as well as the City’s parks. Our role is to maintain the buildings and recreational assets in a way that keeps them safe, functional, sustainable, and aesthetically pleasing for the employees and citizens that utilize them.

Letter of Intent

Originally constructed in 1912, the shelter house experienced several changes over the past 100+ years. Set in Olympia Park and surrounded by a playground, dog park, courts, and fields, it was initially designed as an open-air shelter and later converted into a multi-purpose center. The facility was also used as a day camp for children, recreation building, plus concession and storage area for youth sport leagues. In 2009, a fire damaged a portion of the building and it has been sitting vacant ever since.

Community meetings took place in 2015 to gather input on how to bring this building back to life so that it can once again be a usable asset for City residents. After multiple sessions, long-term goals were determined which led to the creation of conceptual and initial schematic plans. To begin the restoration process, DPW replaced the roof and performed truss repairs in 2016-2017. Masonry repairs and exterior cleaning were also completed at that time.

From the community meetings, we’ve collectively come up with the following goals & program:
The main goal of the project is to renovate and revitalize this City asset so it can once again serve the surrounding neighborhoods and multi-generational community.

- Full interior demolition and renovation/rebuild
- New exterior doors, windows, and paint that retain historic character
- New mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and other necessary systems
- Energy-efficient and reduced water usage
- Functional and low maintenance
- Accessibility & inclusivity

At this time, we are looking for input from the Commissioners on the building exterior as it relates to windows, doors, colors, etc. Defining scope for the 1% public art component is still in progress and will be presented at a future hearing.

Additional details & visuals are provided in the presentation.

**Letters of Support**
- Department of Public Works - Assistant Director/Acting Director, Marcelle Newman
- Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy - Kathryn Hunnin
- Additional letter(s) to be submitted separately

Thank you for your consideration and time spent reviewing this application package.

Respectfully,

Calli Baker
Senior Project Manager

Attachment

cc: Mike Friedhofer / Karli Heffner
This memo serves as a Letter of Support for the Olympia Park Shelter House renovation project. After many years of sitting vacant, the building is ready for a transformation. Design is wrapping up and the project will be moving into the construction phase before end of year. The community has been rallying to bring this building back to life for several years, so with their support and collaboration with Bureau of Facilities - Architecture Division, we have come up with a design that will provide a multi-generational, community gathering space and benefit the neighborhoods of the City of Pittsburgh. The Department of Public Works is proud to support this project.
2021-07-02 Letter of Support - Olympia Shelter Reno

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City of Pittsburgh Art Commission
c/o Department of City Planning
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Re: Letter of Support for Olympia Park Shelter House Renovation

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy’s support for the proposed renovations to the Olympia Park Shelter House. The Parks Conservancy has been an active participant in the current Emerald View Park master planning process and is aware of past engagement efforts to gather community input on renovations of the Shelter House. During the master planning process, the Shelter House continued to be identified by the public as an important community asset and key feature in the larger Emerald View Park.

Upon review of the draft Development Drawings, we are pleased to see that the design honors both the historic character of the building and the community vision that was developed during a series of meetings hosted by the Mount Washington Community Development Corporation and the City Department of Public Works in 2015. This vision aims to serve multi-generational community needs by providing a flexible gathering space and reestablishing a functional concession stand, restrooms, and storage for recreational programming.

Additionally, the proposed building renovations fit appropriately with the overall vision for the Olympia Park site in the draft Emerald View Park Master Plan and we look forward to the further design and renovation of park entrances, access pathways, and public art on the site.

The Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy is pleased to support the application for Conceptual/Final Review of this important project in Emerald View Park.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Hunnin
Senior Manager of Special Initiatives

Cc  Catherine Qureshi, President and CEO, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy
    Chris Hornstein, Acting Director, Department of Public Works
Reconstruction of Olympia Park Shelter House in Mount Washington/Duquesne Heights Expected This Summer

PITTSBURGH, PA (March 17, 2021) The City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Works has awarded a design contract for the Olympia Park Shelter House, allowing for the renovation of the Mount Washington/Duquesne Heights shelter to proceed this summer and fall.

DPW awarded the contract to Landmarks SGA, LLC, with redesign of the shelter expected to take 3-4 months. After construction bids are circulated build-out should start in August or September and take an estimated 6 months to complete.

“Olympia Park is heavily used by the Mount Washington and Duquesne Heights communities and they deserve a top-notch shelter. I’m so happy that DPW and Mayor Peduto prioritized this project,” City Councilwoman Theresa Kail-Smith said.

The scope of work was informed from input from park neighbors. Details of the renovation are expected to include:

- Full interior renovation/rebuild that will include a large gathering space, kitchen, restrooms, multi-purpose rooms, concession stand, and storage
- New exterior doors, windows, and paint that retain historic character
- New mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection, and security systems
- Energy-efficient and reduced water usage
- Modifications to allow for ADA access on both levels

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Olympia Park Shelter House Renovation

Art Commission (Conceptual/Final Review)
1912: Original construction (recreation facility/gathering space)
1941: Exterior repairs & alterations
1979: Major renovation to use as daycare/day camp
2009: Fire damaged interior
2011: Facility assessments
2015: Community input sought for ideas to revive building
2016 - 2017: Roof, structural, & masonry repairs
2018 - Present: Design & funding acquisition
Building:
- Total building square footage: Approx. 4,500 SF
- Functions and access remain separate on upper & lower levels

Program:
- Upper level: Flexible community gathering space, catering kitchen, & restrooms
- Lower level: Multi-purpose space, restrooms, concession stand, & sport league storage rooms

Community Input & Goals:
- Welcoming, accessible, & inclusive
- Multi-generational
- Sustainable -- durability & longevity
- Flexible spaces
- Safety & security
- Retain historic character
Existing Elevations
Proposed Elevations (Base)

- WEST ELEVATION
  - REMOVE BRICK INFILL AND INSTALL NEW WINDOW IN ORIGINAL OPENING

- SOUTH ELEVATION
  - NEW WINDOWS IN UPPER LEVEL ASSEMBLY SPACE - TYPICAL
  - NEW DECK/BALCONY

ALTERNATIVE A - LARGER WINDOWS

Proposed Building Elevations
Olympia Park Shelter House Renovation
Pittsburgh, PA

DATE: 7/6/2021
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"
NEW DECK/Balcony
NEW WINDOWS IN UPPER LEVEL
ASSEMBLY SPACE - TYPICAL

EAST ELEVATION

REMOVE BRICK INFILL AND
INSTALL NEW WINDOW IN
ORIGINAL OPENING

NORTH ELEVATION

ALTERNATIVE A - LARGER WINDOWS
Proposed Building Elevations
Olympia Park Shelter House Renovation
Pittsburgh, PA

DATE: 7/6/2021
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"
Exterior Paint Color Options (Soffit, Rafter Details, etc.)

- Honeysuckle White SW 7036
- Pancake White SW 6098
- Neapolitan White SW 6228
- Neutral Ground SW 7668
- Tallow SW 6048
1% Public Art details:

- Final “canvas,” art medium, color(s), etc. to be determined
- Once site modifications are designed, location(s) of art can be chosen
- Budget: ~$5,000-$7,500 available for public art (inclusive of material and install)
- Community input and coordination with Master Plan
- Artist to be solicited through RFP process
Questions?