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?
☒ No  □ Yes, when: __________

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

Permanent?  □ No  ☒ Yes
Project Location

Address: City of Pittsburgh Regional Parks - Schenley Park, Frick Park, Riverview Park, Highland Park, Emerald View Park

Cross Streets or other relevant information: Park Main Entrances

Neighborhood: Regional Parks

Applicant Information

Name: City of Pittsburgh - Office of the Mayor

Mailing Address: Office of the Mayor, City-County Building, Fifth Floor

City: Pittsburgh State: Pennsylvania Zip: 15219

Phone: 412 - 414 - 2149 Email: james.hill@pittsburghpa.gov

Relationship or Role in Project: Executive Assistant to the Mayor/Managing These Projects

Co-Applicant (optional)

Name: 

Mailing Address: 

City: State: Zip: 

Phone: Email: 

Relationship or Role in Project: 

Presenter at Hearing if different than applicant: 

October 6, 2021

Mr. Andrew Moss & Members of the Art Commission
Art Commission of the City of Pittsburgh
Department of City Planning
John P. Robin Civic Building
200 Ross Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Mr. Moss & Members,

The City of Pittsburgh is seeking Conceptual & Final Review from the Art Commission of the City of the Pittsburgh for the updating of the Regional Park Signage Standards last approved by the Commission in 2018.

The City of Pittsburgh is in the process of refreshing the brand of its Department of Parks & Recreation. The Department, known more commonly as CitiParks, has been the face of the City’s park system for over forty years. In recent times however, the brand has been neglected. The efforts to refresh and update the brand stretch from social media and the launch of a new CitiParks website to regional park signage.

The current regional parks signage, originally purchased by the Parks Conservancy in 2010, has grown old and outdated. The reflective material originally chosen to lessen graffiti, makes the signs difficult to read. Much of the information on the signage is now outdated, does not properly reflect the CitiParks brand or current City of Pittsburgh branding standards, and other major park funders such as the Allegheny Regional Asset District are not recognized.

We intend to update and reskin some regional park signage to reflect the new CitiParks brand, the updated CitiParks website and social media information, as well as recognizing partners such as the Parks Conservancy and the Allegheny Regional Asset District.

BUDGET

- All work regarding this project would be covered in-house by the City of Pittsburgh’s Department of Public Works and the Department of Mobility & Infrastructure.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

James Hill
Executive Assistant to the Mayor

CC: The Honorable William Peduto, Mayor of Pittsburgh
Mr. Daniel Gillman, Chief of Staff to the Mayor
October 8, 2021

City of Pittsburgh Art Commission  
Department of City Planning  
City-County Building, 414 Grant St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Members of the Art Commission:

On behalf of the board and staff of the Allegheny Regional Asset District (RAD), I am pleased to write to you in support of the City of Pittsburgh’s updates to the Regional Park Signage Standards. Much like the Department of Parks & Recreation, RAD recently completed a branding project. We refreshed our logo and our website, and recommitted to ensuring that the taxpayers of Allegheny County know that when they see “RAD works here,” it means their tax dollars are hard at work to enhance the quality of life in our region.

As you know, RAD funding is generated from half of the proceeds of Allegheny County’s additional one percent sales and use tax. The parks (along with the libraries) receive the lion’s share of RAD funding, as they are free and open spaces for everyone to enjoy. In RAD’s nearly 28 years of public support, the City of Pittsburgh’s five regional parks have received over $150 million in operating and capital grants. RAD is proud to play such a significant role in ensuring that our regional parks are safe and vibrant places for our communities to gather, explore, and be inspired.

The current signage throughout the City’s five regional parks does not acknowledge RAD. Updating the signs to include the RAD logo and historical information about RAD’s impact on the parks as a partner organization will serve as an important reminder to our citizens that they play an impactful role in the health and vitality of our parks. When they visit Frick, Schenley, Emerald View, Highland, or Riverview Park, they will know “RAD works here.”

We thank you for your consideration and hope that this project is approved.

Sincerely,

Rich Hudic

Rich Hudic
Executive Director

ALLEGHENY REGIONAL ASSET DISTRICT
Koppers Building • 436 Seventh Avenue • Suite 2201 • Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania • 15219 • TEL: 412-227-1900 • FAX: 412-227-1905 • RADworkshere.org
October 6, 2021
City of Pittsburgh-Art Commission
414 Grant Street
City County Building
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Art Commission,

The Department of Parks and Recreation (CitiParks) is in support of the project to update Park Signage with the new, approved branding/logos.

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We intend to update and reskin all regional park signage to reflect the new CitiParks brand, the updated CitiParks website and social media information, as well as recognizing partners such as the Parks Conservancy and the Allegheny Regional Asset District.

Sincerely,

Ross Chapman
Director, Department of Parks and Recreation
Art Commission
Department of City Planning
City of Pittsburgh
200 Ross Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear City of Pittsburgh Art Commission:

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The Department of Public Works is in support of updating the Regional Park Signage Standards.

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Sincerely,

Chris Hornstein
Acting Director, Public Works

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CITIPARKS

Regional Parks Sign Family

City of Pittsburgh Update 2021
Department of Parks & Recreation
Department of Public Works
Department of City Planning

Directional Signs (minimum letter height is 2.5"

Regulatory Signs

TrailMarkers
Trailhead Identification
PlantMarkers
Current Regional Parks Signage Standards