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/rcd.
- 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/Final Review  
☐ Conceptual Review  
☐ Final Review  
☐ Courtesy Review

Has this project been come before Art Commission before?  
☐ No  ☒ Yes, when: 11/17/2021

Duration of project: From  01/09/21  to  01/11/22

Permanent?  ☐ No  ☒ Yes
Project Location

Address: 940 Saw Mill Run Blvd.

Cross Streets or other relevant information: Woodruf St. exit from Saw Mill Run id adjacent to the property

Neighborhood: Mount Washington

Applicant Information

Name: Felipe Palomo

Mailing Address: 414 Grant Street, Room 301.

City: Pittsburgh State: PA Zip: 15219

Phone: 412.508.8171 Email: felipe.palomo@pittsburghpa.gov

Relationship or Role in Project: Project Manager - DPW

Co-Applicant (optional)

Name: Dana Klann

Mailing Address: 333 Baldwin Road

City: Pittsburgh State: PA Zip: 15205

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Relationship or Role in Project: Project Manager - CEC Inc.

Presenter at Hearing if different than applicant: Dana Klann
January 4, 2022

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

RE: New DPW Salt Storage Facility -
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, Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) 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

The existing Salt Storage Dome in Saw Mill Run Blvd (Currently having less than 5,000 tons of salt storage capacity) is structurally deficient and has reached the end of its life. Therefore, it will be demolished along with an adjacent abandoned old diner building that is also owned by the City. Both lots will be consolidated to allow a new 7,500-ton Salt Storage Building. The Department of Public Works, along with a team of consultants, have been working on potential options for the exterior design of the building.

A Development Activities meeting took place on October 19, 2021, organized by the Mount Washington CDC to gather input from the community and on November 17, 2021 this project was presented to the Commissioners. We’ve collectively come up with the following goals:

- Improve the appearance of the Facility from the visible sides (North & West Facades) with better and also translucent materials.
Address all stormwater management issues with green space that will improve the impervious area at least 20% of the site.

This project is eligible for the 1% Public Art, and the Seldom Seen Greenway presents as a potential opportunity for Art.

The new Salt Storage Facility & supporting assets on the site will include the following: a new building conformed by two large bays and a center comfort station, landscaping and stormwater management features.

Combining the community’s feedback and the design team’s expertise, we are proposing that the public art component focuses on the building’s visible façade as well as a more visible connection with the Seldom Seen Greenway entrance nearby. At this time, we are looking for input and suggestions from the Commissioners so that the public art can be seamlessly integrated into the construction phase.

Additional details & visuals are provided in the presentation.

Letters of Support

- Department of Public Works, Acting Director Chris Hornstein
- Councilwoman Theresa Kail Smith
- Conditional Letter of Support from the MWCDC

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

Respectfully,

Felipe Palomo
Project Manager

Attachment

cc: Dana Klann (CEC)
CITY OF PITTSBURGH

Department of Public Works
Salt Storage Facility
Saw Mill Run Boulevard

Art Commission Design Revisions
CoP DPW Salt Storage Facility

Aerial View of Existing Site
Original Base Model Concept
CoP DPW Salt Storage Facility
Original Base Model Design Concept
CoP DPW Salt Storage Facility
Original Base Model Design Concept
CoP DPW Salt Storage Facility
North Elevation
CoP DPW Salt Storage Facility

East Elevation
CoP DPW Salt Storage Facility
South Elevation
CoP DPW Salt Storage Facility
West Elevation
CoP DPW Salt Storage Facility
Northeast Perspective
CoP DPW Salt Storage Facility
Northwest Perspective
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Examples and Materials
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Building Examples
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The Department of City Planning  
Art Commissioners  
200 Ross St., 4th Floor  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219  

December 20, 2021  

To Whom It May Concern,  

I am writing in support of the new DPW Salt Storage Facility Building that DPW Architecture Division is managing located at 940 Saw Mill Run Blvd. I understand that the project is set to be presented at the Art Commission for Conceptual and final review the first week of January, 2022.  

The existing Salt Dome, which currently has a 5000-ton capacity, is in serious structural disrepair and an adjacent old Diner building will be demolished to allow for a new salt storage building with a 7500-ton capacity to be built. This will improve DPW operations and surrounding areas' resiliency during the cold winter months. This project also presents an opportunity for public art within the Seldom Seen Greenway entrance.  

I am happy to support this project which will not only provide for a larger and safer building, but would help to beautify the area on Saw Mill Run Boulevard. If you should have any questions, please contact me at 412-969-4991.  

Respectfully Yours,  

[Signature]  
Theresa Kail Smith  
Council President  
Member, District 2  

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November 3, 2021

Re: Saw Mill Run (Salt Dome Storage) Facility (Project), 930 & 940 Saw Mill Run Boulevard
City of Pittsburgh, Department of Public Works

Dear Commission Members:

The Mount Washington Community Development Corporation (MWCDC) supports the Department of Public Works Saw Mill Run Salt Dome Storage Facility Project planned for 2021-2022, with conditions, and completely supports DPW’s application requesting an Art Commission Conceptual Review for the design of the facility. MWCDC is especially interested in this project because of its location in the neighborhood of Mount Washington, proximity to Emerald View Park, and the opportunity that the new facility offers to improve the visual approach to Mount Washington from Route 51.

DPW presented the project to Mount Washington and Duquesne Heights residents and businesses on October 19, 2021 in a Community Forum sponsored by MWCDC. MWCDC offers conditional support of the project in that (1) DPW is requested to make a second community presentation after the Art Commission Conceptual Review has taken place and after elements of the Conceptual Review have been incorporated into an updated design of the facility and (2) DPW’s final design takes into account community input received during the community presentations.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Executive Director
TO: Sarah Minnaert,  
Public Art and Civic Design Manager  
DEPT: City Planning

FROM: Chris Hornstein,  
Acting Director  
DEPT: Public Works

DATE: November 3, 2021

RE: Letter of Support — Saw Mill Run Salt Storage Facility  
Art Commission, Conceptual Review

This memo serves as a Letter of Support for the Saw Mill Run Salt Storage Facility as noted above. The new facility and services that it will provide are vital to the community and for daily City operations. The building, as well as the public art component, will not only improve the overall environment and aesthetics of the site, but also be a welcoming feature to the adjacent Seldom Seen Greenway users and citizens that pass by when driving on Saw Mill Run Boulevard. The Department of Public Works is proud to support this project.

CC: Sarah Minnaert - Public Art & Civic Design Manager /City Planning  
Anthony Cavalline – Arts, Culture and History Specialist /City Planning