



**Bentonville Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, March 3, 2025
5:00 pm
City of Bentonville
Administrative Services Building
1000 SW 14th Street**

Agenda

Old Business

1. Approval of February 2025, Meeting Minutes

New Business

1. Public Art Advisory Committee Approval – Fish of Bentonville
2. Morningstar Project Update / Input
3. Memorial Park Master Plan Update

Other Business

Attachments

PRAB Minutes – February 2025
2025 Capital Improvement Worksheet – March 2025



Bentonville Parks and Recreation

Advisory Board Meeting

February 2025 Minutes

Meeting Date: February 3, 2025

Meeting Called to Order: 5:03 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:15 p.m.

Meeting Location: City of Bentonville, Administrative Services Building

Attending Board Members: Allyson de la Houssaye, Austin Bryan, Brady Blake, Chris Sooter, Eileen Patrick, Jon Terlouw, Kristin Kuhlow, Ryan Hollingsworth, Tacuma Williams, Ty Hoffline

Attending Staff Members: David Wright, Greg Hughes, Josh Stacey, Scott Mendenhall, Tracy Acosta, Wade Tomlinson

Guest: Alex Brown and Hagan Rushing with Ecological Design Group

Old Business

Approval January 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Eileen Patrick

Second the Motion: Ty Hoffline

Voted in Favor: All

Voted Opposed: None

New Business

2025 Annual Report

Josh Stacey presented the 2024 Annual Report for review. The board was requested to provide any feedback or suggestions by Friday at 8:00 a.m.

Memorial Park Master Plan Input Session

David Wright introduced Alex Brown and Hagan Rushing from the Ecological Design Group. Alex then presented the initial findings of the Memorial Park Master Plan developed by EDG.

Morning Star Property – Feasibility Study – Public Meeting February 27, 2025

David shared with the members there is a public meeting on February 27th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Memorial Park Master Plan

David Wright and Wade Tomlinson are working with Ecological Design Group (EDG) to create a Masterplan for Memorial Park. EDG will provide services that include landscape architecture and civil engineering to support site improvements for Memorial Park. This proposal encompasses the north, south and eastern edges of the park excluding the existing baseball fields.

Other Business

From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Shelli Kerr](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Town Branch Park Sewer Main Art Proposal
Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2024 5:26:59 PM

Town Branch Park Sewer Main Art Proposal

Student Information

Name	Yenuli
Email Address	Wickramasinghe
Phone Number	
Address	
City	Bentonville
State	AR
Zip Code	72713-5285
Grade	
School	

Proposed Artwork

Title of Artwork	Fish of Bentonville
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Description of Artwork	The creek near the sewers started off as my major source of inspiration. I knew that I wanted to incorporate an aspect of nature that correlates with this waterway. Knowing that Arkansas is a popular place people travel to for fishing and Bentonville is home to many fishers, I chose to include 4 different breeds of fish. These include Bluegills, largemouth bass, crappies, and catfish. These fish are some of the most popular fish in Lake Bentonville with 421 recorded catches of Largemouth bass, 130 Bluegill, 248 catfish, and 21 crappie. Keep in note that these are just the recorded cases! In addition, the “spots” on the fish are in the shape of a diamond. Diamonds hold great significance in Arkansas as the first diamonds ever found in America were founded in Arkansas. Since then, our state has upheld the diamond as our state gem. Furthermore, roughly 120,000 people per year travel to Arkansas to participate in diamond extractions. I chose to include the colors blue, green, yellow, and brown as the surrounding nature includes a similar color scheme allowing the art piece to be more cohesive. In addition, since the sewers are placed along a trail, I hoped to incorporate colors that would
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evoke a sense of tranquility within the viewer while also adding a pop to the scenery. With this piece, I hope to emphasize the importance of Bentonville's nature and the wildlife within it.

Sketch/Image Upload [4f.jpg](#)

Additional Uploads (not required) *Field not completed.*

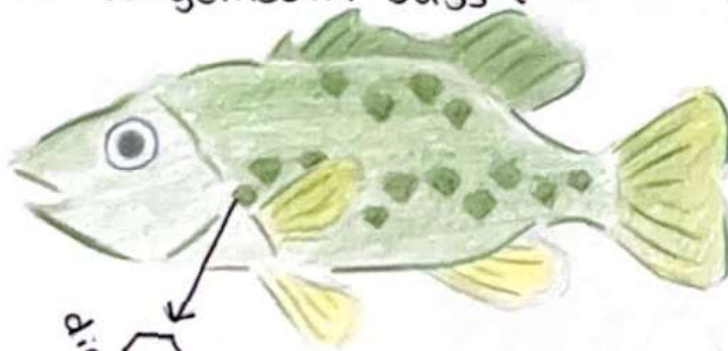
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Plan for both sewers!

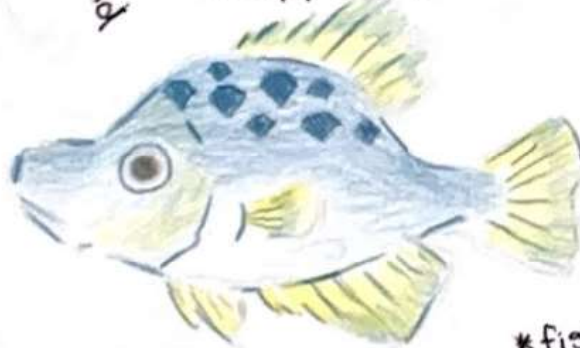
Bluegill (Bg)



largemouth bass (Lb)



Crappie (cp)



catfish (cf)



Colors
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• yellow
• white
• brown

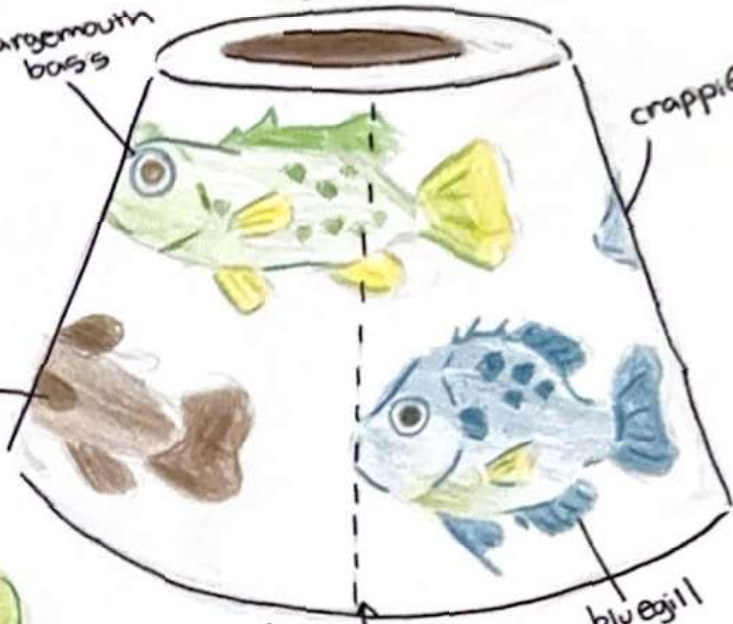
mix these
to make
green

largemouth
bass

sewer

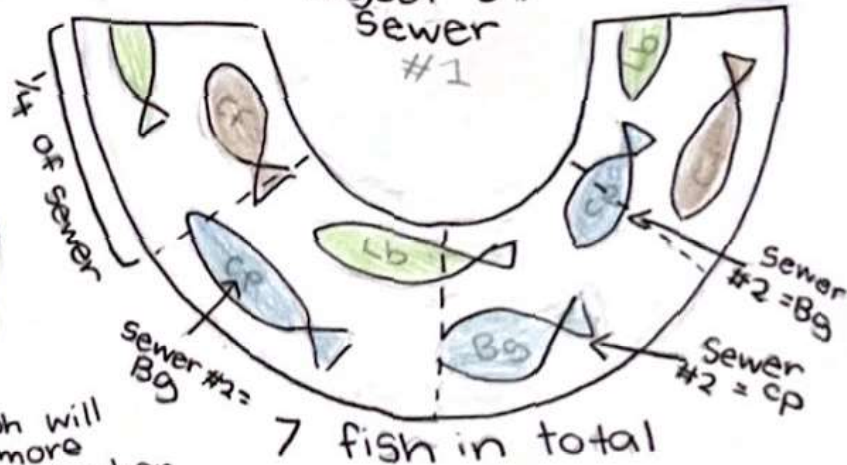
crappie

catfish



line to show
spacing of fish (not
included)
this can be painted an
off-white (cream) color

layout of
sewer
#1



7 fish in total

Sewer #1

- 2 largemouth bass
- 2 crappie
- 2 catfish
- 1 bluegill

Sewer #2

- 2 largemouth bass
- 1 crappie
- 2 catfish
- 2 bluegill

Sewer #1





Agenda Item Form

Date of City Council Meeting	3/11/2025
Department	Planning
Submitted by	Shelli Kerr
Phone	(479)271-6822

Item Type: (Check All That Apply)

☐ Budget Adjustment

☐ Change Order

☐ Informational

☐ Ordinance

☒ Resolution

☐ Bid Award

Recommendation/Suggested Action (Enter recommendation in space below):

A resolution to approve the installation of artwork titled "Fish of Bentonville" by local student Yenuli Wickramasinghe on two public sewer mains in Town Branch Park. The artwork was selected from submissions in response to the Public Art Advisory Committee's Request for Proposals last fall. Both the Public Art Advisory Committee and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommend approval of the artwork. The cost of this installation is \$500 and will be funded from the Public Art Advisory Committee annual budget.

Estimated Cost	500
Is this Item Budgeted?	☒ Yes ☐ No
If no, please explain how item will be funded (briefly explain in space below) :	



MEMO

To: Mayor Stephanie Orman and Bentonville City Council
From: Shelli Kerr, AICP, Comprehensive Planning Manager
On behalf of: Bentonville Public Art Advisory Committee
CC date: March 11, 2025
RE: **Sewer Main Art – “Fish of Bentonville”**



Request. A resolution to approve the installation of artwork titled "Fish of Bentonville" by Bentonville student Yenuli Wickramasinghe on two public sewer mains in Town Branch Park.

Background. The artwork was selected from two submissions in response to the Public Art Advisory Committee's Request for Proposals inviting Bentonville students to submit proposals to install artwork on two raised sewer mains in Town Branch Park.

Description of Artwork. A painted mural of four breeds of fish native to Arkansas: Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Crappie and Catfish. Spots on the fish are in the shape of a diamond, representative of the Arkansas state gem. The colors of blue, green, yellow, and brown reflect the surrounding nature to create a cohesive design. The artist's intent is to emphasize the importance of Bentonville's nature and the wildlife within.

Display Site. The proposed display site is two raised sewer mains in Town Branch Park.

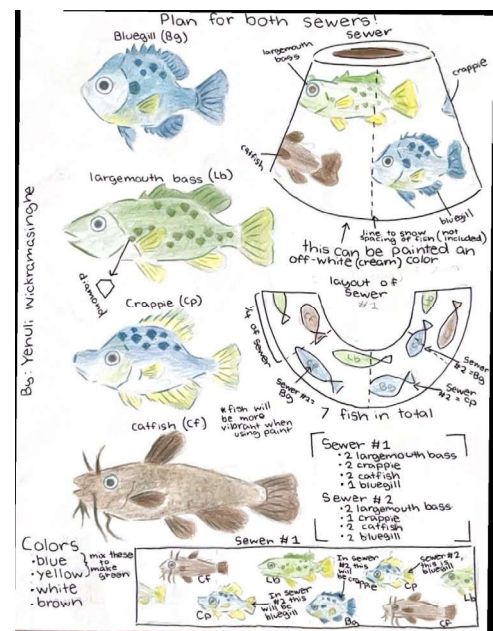
Display Period. This is a temporary display for approximately 18 months.

Approvals. Both the Public Art Advisory Committee and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommend approval of the artwork.

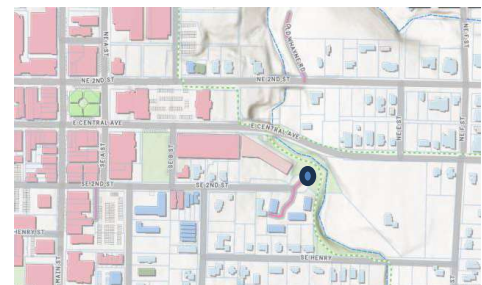
Cost and Funding. Funding is provided by the Public Art Advisory Committee in the total amount of \$500. This includes a \$150 honorarium and \$350 for paint and supplies.

Recommendation. Approval of the resolution.

Proposed Artwork:
Fish of Bentonville by
Yenuli Wickramasinghe



Display Site: Town Branch Park



RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF ARTWORK
TITLED “FISH OF BENTONVILLE” BY BENTONVILLE STUDENT YENULI
WICKRAMASINGHE ON TWO PUBLIC SEWER MAINS IN TOWN BRANCH
PARK, FUNDED BY THE PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bentonville has established the importance of integrating public art into the daily lives of the citizens of Bentonville by adopting a Public Art Policy with Ordinance No. 2013 – 40 on May 14, 2013;

WHEREAS, the Public Arts Advisory Committee and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommend the proposed artwork at the proposed display location.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS:**

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Bentonville, Arkansas hereby approves the installation of artwork titled “*Fish of Bentonville*” by Bentonville student Yenuli Wickramasinghe on two public sewer mains in Town Branch Park.

Section 2: That the project will be funded from the 2025 budget for the Public Art Advisory Committee, to include a \$150 honorarium to the student and approximately \$350 for paint and supplies.

PASSED and APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

APPROVED

Stephanie Orman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Malorie Marrs, City Clerk