

Public Art Administrator Report  
City of Key West Art in Public Places  
APRIL 2026

Public Art Projects: **Updates in PURPLE:**

1. **The Rainbow Project:** On hold and pending per review of the legal dept. Following meetings with the Mayor and Business Guild we will expand the RFP to include the 700 & 800 blocks. Budget was reviewed. Goal is to have selected artwork proposal approved by Pride Week in June. Drafting an RFP for public art for the historic 800 block of Duval Street based on community input, surveys conducted by KW Business Guild, City Engineering and Growth Mgmt departments and the City Commission. Requested targeted spaces and final budget.
2. **Smathers Beach YATES Mural repairs** – Approved, submitted invoice, paid artist in full 03.16.2026 Completed by artist & her assistants on Feb. 7. All paperwork approved and established. Artist Debra Yates will be onsite Jan 20-22 and is working with Tom & Rennie Joris who are preparing the wall Jan 14-16 for the artist.
3. **Frederick Douglass Community Center** – Ongoing. Sally had add'l delays due to fabrication. Will install in late MAY. Signage is also pending as artists Billy and Craig are revising. Sally needed more time and requested access to the space the 2nd week of Feb. Install date TBD, Sally Binard installing in LATE January, early February – delayed due to artist surgery. Liz working with Council's designer on signage for Craig and Billy. Craig Gray and Billy Kearins are complete.
4. **Bishop Kee statue repairs and re-siting:** COMPLETE. Thanks to community services for their assistance and funding. Relocated to 1400 duval Awaiting bronze fixtures from the foundry.
5. **John Jones Navigational Center:** RFP draft in progress Art Budget: \$71,500. Budget: \$79,388. Project manager – Glynn Meienburg.. Ribbon cutting completed. Liz met with architect Bill Horn and has the targeted spaces. We will request our 2 stakeholder selection committee members from City Manager.
6. **Ramos-Lopez 1400 Duval Pedestrian Park** – Ready to post this week. Pending until we had received approval of the Insurance we require by risk mgmt. All set to release mid February. NEW Call for Proposals sent for review to City Staff. Considering an RFP for signage with Parks & Rec board. Approved to start call for proposals by Board.
7. **Simonton St Police Station** – Ready for final review. Building has been painted. "Naming" mural – Call for proposals in draft form – budget approved \$5,000.
8. **Press Releases and Social Media** – Ongoing Working with PIO Alyson Crean to increase awareness of AIPP projects – photos and stories for release.
9. **Truman Waterfront Park** – Ongoing – Draft RFP for pairs of double "barn" doors facing the new sports field with an art budget of \$15,000. Phase 1B
10. **State of Florida Seal** - – Ongoing Artist is traveling. Working on repairs to reinstall over United St. exit door in Commission Chambers.
11. **Simonton Street Fire Station** – Paused with #1 above. Review with Board and HARC to determine appropriate targeted space for RFP and discuss guidelines with new HARC Director.
12. **Poetry in Sidewalks/Bus Stops:** Ongoing. I completed a support letter for this grant for the next phase. Grant application completed and submitted by deadline. Met with Sustainability coordinator in July – applying for a NEA grant for new bus shelters for island areas that do not have them – will consider artistic designs and room for poetry revolving program. ONGOING - 4 have been removed and need to be replaced. Need to determine next steps.
13. **Collections Management** – Ongoing **City Webpage for AIPP** – Ongoing –

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