

Public Art Administrator Report  
City of Key West Art in Public Places  
**FEBRUARY 2026**

Public Art Projects: **Updates in RED:**

1. **The Rainbow Project:** 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** – 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 needed more time and requested access to the space the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Awaiting bronze fixtures from the foundry.
5. **John Jones Navigational Center:** Art Budget: \$71,500. Budget: \$79,388. Project manager – Glynn Meienburg. RFP draft in progress. Ribbon cutting completed. Liz met with architect Bill Horn and has the targeted spaces. We will request our 2 stakeholder selection committee members from the City Manager.
1. **Ramos-Lopez 1400 Duval Pedestrian Park** – 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.
2. **Simonton St Police Station** – Ready for final review. Building has been painted. “Naming” mural – Call for proposals in draft form – budget approved \$5,000.
3. **Press Releases and Social Media** – Ongoing Working with PIO Alyson Crean to increase awareness of AIPP projects – photos and stories for release.
4. **Truman Waterfront Park** – Poetry Panel at Playground installed and ribbon cutting on 12/9/2025! Phase 1B Ongoing – Draft RFP for pairs of double “barn” doors facing the new sports field with an art budget of \$15,000.
5. **State of Florida Seal** - Artist had surgery - this is postponed until January. Working on repairs to reinstall over United St. exit door in Commission Chambers.
6. **Simonton Street Fire Station** – Ongoing. Review with Board and HARC to determine appropriate targeted space for RFP and discuss guidelines with new HARC Director.
7. **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.
8. **Gift from Timyan family and Gift from Kathryn Kilgore** – Working with Marcus Davila in Community Services to install in new locations – dog park on Grinnell and small Flagler Ave Park.
9. **Collections Management** – Ongoing **City Webpage for AIPP** – Ongoing –