

Report: Sidewalk Poetry

While we were disappointed to learn our Sidewalk Poetry SEMAC grant proposal was not funded in the coming year, I believe it is important for us to express gratitude for the six years we did receive funding and look to other strategies to support this well-loved program. In our first year, the Sidewalk Poetry Project was funded by the Mayor's Streetscape Task Force (disbanded several years ago). In discussions with Staff Liaison, Teresa Jensen, she expresses confidence that the project will continue in some form.

January is when we typically begin to market the project and alert poets to the late February submission deadline. I look forward to reconvening our Poetry Committee (including Poet Laureate Rob Hardy and Liaison Jensen) in the near future, after which we will forward a recommendation to the ACC regarding next steps.

I am currently in the process of writing the SEMAC Final Report for the 2017 Sidewalk Poetry project which is due at the end of December. Thanks are extended to Kathy Rush Vizina for her ongoing support in support of that task (and many others, of course).

Respectfully submitted,  
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