

Sidewalk Poetry Report September 2018

The Sidewalk Poetry Capstone Celebration on August 30, 2018, offered the ACC the opportunity to honor the 2018 winning poets and thank a wide array of contributors to the project, including the:

- Friends and Foundation of the Library – financial and administrative support
- 2018 contest judges – selection of winners
- Public Works Department – project implementation
- Philip Spensley – calling on home and business owners hosting new sidewalk poems
- FiftyNorth - Popcorn Wagon volunteers
- Bonnie & the Clydes – musical performance and sound system

The celebration was well attended, with approximately 100 audience members hearing the poetry readings of both the 2018 winners and members of the judging panel. Kudos to Poet Laureate Rob Hardy for his thoughtful engagement with the poets as they shared their winning entries.

City Engineer David Bennett brought with him two samples of the manufactured molds that are impressed into the concrete. They proved to be of great interest to those in attendance. Mr. Bennett also brought with him a large map of the locations of the new poems in the Division Street/Washington Street projects.

Thanks are extended to the ACC members whose schedules allowed their participation in the celebration at such a busy time of the year. I believe it is so important for community members to observe their commissioners in action whenever possible. Those assembled on Bridge Square certainly enjoyed that opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,
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