

# 1% for Public Arts Ordinance

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

02/9/2021





# Public Art Timeline



- **Ordinance 855 creation and formation of the Arts and Culture Commission (2007)**

## **Initiatives:**

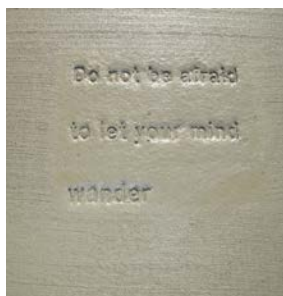
- **Sidewalk Poetry & Poem in Your Pocket Day**
- **Living Treasures award**
- **Art in City Hall**
- **Young Sculptor's Project**
- **Northfield Poet Laureate**
- **Comprehensive Plan Update (2008)**
- **Art in Public Places Policy (2017)**
- **Strategic Planning and the Arts Midwest Cohort**
  - **Northfield Cultural Plan adoption (2019) and ongoing implementation**
  - **1 % for the Arts Ordinance (now pending 2021)**



Did you know?

The arts positively impact the local economy and local government budgets; for every dollar invested in non-profit arts, \$5 is returned to the local and state economies.

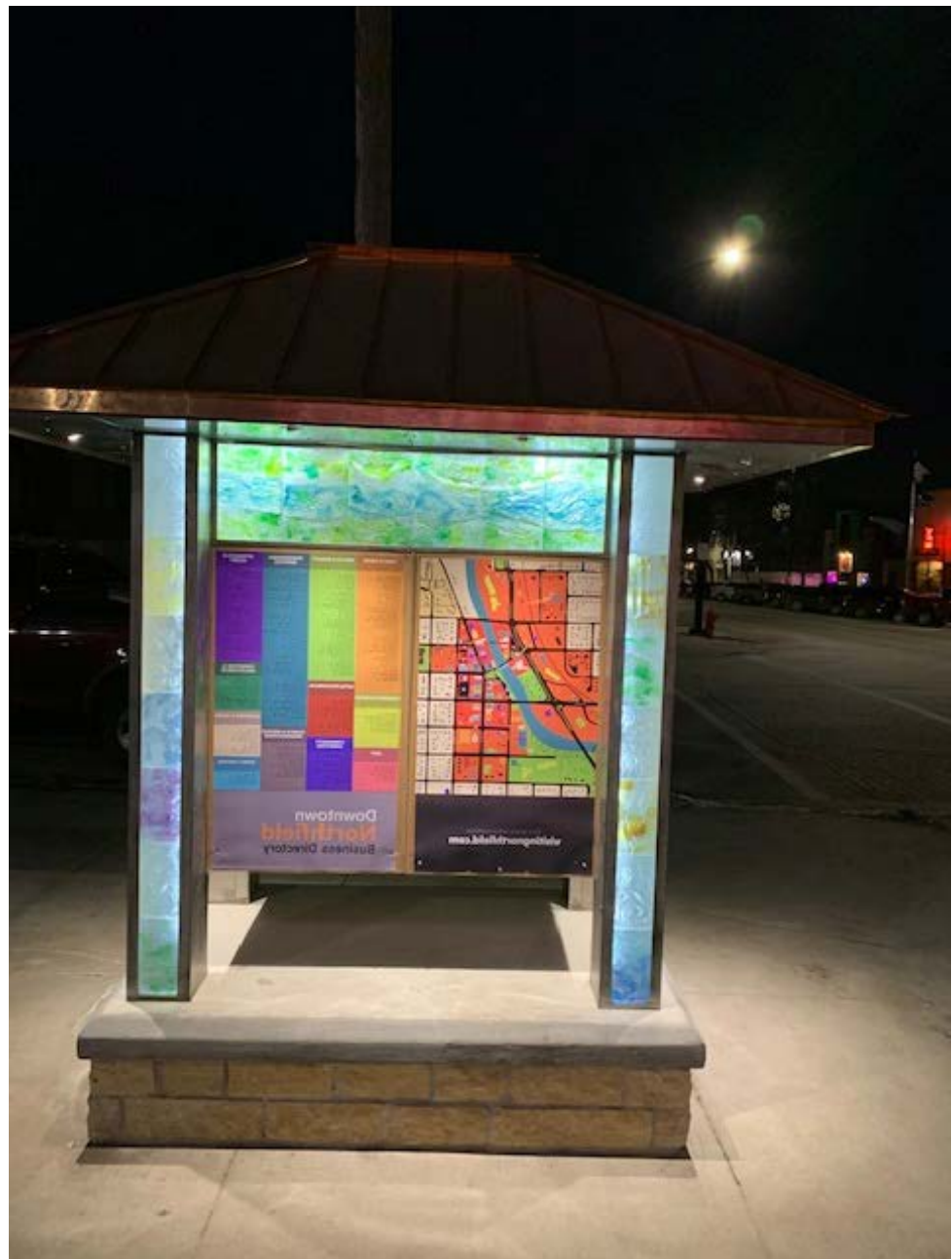
(Americans for the Arts, *Arts and Economic Prosperity 2019*)





# 2018-2020 Public Art Projects

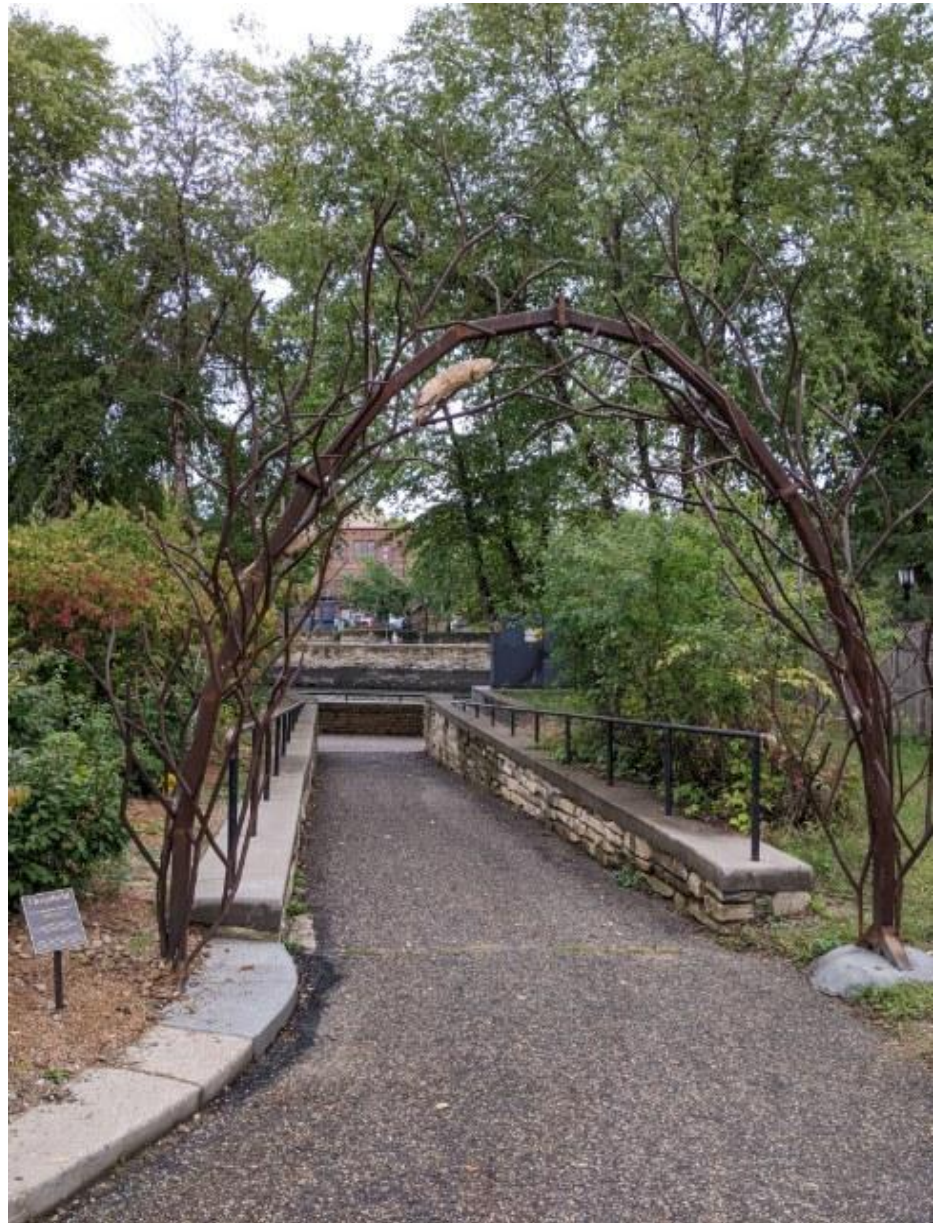
*Art Information  
Kiosk* by Rick  
Swearer







*Threshold* by Kris  
Swanson,  
installed 2020



Love mural  
by Brett  
Whitacre,  
installed  
2020







*Straight Through  
the Heart* by  
Dale  
Lewis, on loan  
from the artist





# Current Projects



John Sterner  
sculpture, to be  
installed fall 2021

<https://www.pbs.org/video/artist-john-sterner-g8d83z/>







## Public Art Roundabout Proposal

Hwy 246 and Jefferson Parkway

Adam Turman

### Oak Savannas Tunnel Entrance View



Paying tribute the abundance of wildlife found in Oak Savannas as well as some of the best bird-watching that can be found in this Biome. An American Kestrels soar and a Pileated Woodpecker hammers and forages. A Barred Owl scans for food, while a Black-Capped Chickadee sways on a branch in the wind. The orange and brown colors celebrate the Autumn season, and nature's show of leaves changing color.

# Future Projects

## Poetry Stairs Northfield Poets Collaborative



We come to the river starry-eyed,  
across bridges reaching out to  
neighbors  
over the river's rushing waters:  
nuestro río  
está lleno de vida y vida para  
nuestras familias.

Two deer, silent as shadows, bend  
& drink.

Clouds tumble and lift, kiss and  
part.



# Ordinance Summary

- Formatting changes of Arts and Culture Commission existing ordinance and addition of youth members
- Policy is codified to implement the 1% of arts contribution to projects
  - Average has been \$44,472 per year over last 3 years
- Adds “Public art program” details related to 1% for arts
  - Definitions
  - Processes consistent with Public Arts Policy and practice
  - Public Art Fund is noted (is already created)
- Public Arts Policy provides more administrative detail on processes



# Next Steps

- ✓ February 9<sup>th</sup> – Review Ordinance Amendment
- ❑ February 16<sup>th</sup> - Amendment to Ordinance (First Reading)
- ❑ March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Amendment to Ordinance (Second Reading)
- ❑ Ongoing Implementation of Public Arts Program





# Questions

