

To: City Council, City of Stayton

From: John Mohney

Subject: Sidewalk Art

I am writing to the City Council on behalf of the RDS sidewalk art project. This project has been ongoing for well over a year and I believe the time has come for the City to give your approval so it can move forward. I know the city would like art projects to be approved by the art commission and I support that concept. However, the art commission is not operational at this time and likely will not be soon.

For the sidewalk art project, I believe sufficient work has been done by the RDS board to warrant approval:

A Facebook survey was completed last year. It was viewed by over 1600 people and received 32 positive responses and no negative responses.

Written approval has been given by 20 business and 20 property owners to place the art on their sidewalks. Copies can be furnished to the council.

It is crucial that approval be given at this time so the project can be completed during dry weather.

As I said earlier, I am in favor of an arts commission to approve art projects. However, I do not think this project should be held up any longer by lack thereof. It may be years before an arts commission is up and running. Please provide your approval now so the project can move forward.

John Mohney

Stayton Resident and former RDS board member