

Call to Artists

PROJECT NAME: Peter & Julie Cummings Library Outdoor Space

LOCATION: 2551 SW Matheson Ave., Palm City, FL 34990

Physical Address: Same as above

DUE DATE OF APPLICATION: December 20, 2019

TOTAL BUDGET: \$30,000.00

ONE SENTENCE DESCRIPTION: The Martin County Public Art Advisory Committee is seeking to purchase or commission a public artwork for the Peter & Julie Cummings Library Outdoor Space located in Palm City.

Located on Florida's Treasure Coast, Martin County has an abundance of natural beauty, beginning at its coastline where one may witness a giant sea turtle lumbering ashore to lay its eggs in the sand. The rivers are wild and scenic, filled with a vast array of tropical flora and fauna. Preservation and appreciation of the untouched splendor is of utmost importance to the people who live, work and vacation in the area. The county seat is Stuart. The population is approximately 155,000.

ARTWORK DESCRIPTION, SCHEDULE AND BUDGET

Artwork Description

An outdoor pavilion has recently been constructed near the northern perimeter of the library parking lot, approachable by a 6-foot-wide sidewalk from the front entrance. This informal, outdoor, covered space is used as an extension of the library for a variety of library programs and is available to the public for other leisure activities.

The primary location for a public art installation is a 63' x 8' grassy area between a row of live oaks bordering the parking pavement and the 6' wide concrete sidewalk and its 1.5' wide grass border. Please see the attached location map and pictures. This walkway can be enhanced but must remain ADA compliant as the pathway to the 30' square, open, wood pavilion with metal roof. Possible design elements could feature sensory or interactive components, which could include low maintenance landscaping elements, along the walkway that complement the adjacent nature preserve leading to the pavilion. This aesthetic enhancement may have a literary theme or relate to libraries/books, may be colorful or whimsical and should appeal to residents of all ages. Sensory or interactive components could have a musical/auditory aspect initiated by the viewer, a visual component experience or a combined sensory experience.

The secondary location is an open, grassy area to the west of the pavilion, separated from the parking pavement by a row of cypress trees. This area is appropriate for a kinetic or stationary work that is not interactive but can be passively and easily viewed and enjoyed from the pavilion or the parking area. The space measures 24' x 60' and overlooks the water detention

area. Kinetic components could be incorporated in either area.

Artist Services

Theme and Design

Proposal that includes all elements of the design

Coordination with the Public Art Advisory Committee and Subcommittee

Fabrication and/or purchase and installation

Photographic documentation

Maintenance plan

Anticipated Art Project Schedule

Call to Artists: Submission deadline Friday, December 20, 2019

Artist/Project Selection: March 2019

Installation: Spring 2020

Art Project Budget

The total budget established for the project is \$ 30,000.00.

The budget includes all costs to the artist: i.e., Artist Fee, Proposal, Design, Artwork Itself, Materials, Installation, Shipping, Insurance, Travel and Sales tax.

SITE AND RELATED DEPARTMENT

Founded in 1957, the Martin County Library System consists of six library locations, our online library, and strategic outreach services to childcare centers and other local organizations. The Library connects with our residents in-person, online, over the phone, and through social networking tools such as Facebook and Instagram. As of 2019, the Library operates with a budget of approximately \$3.8 million and 49 full time equivalent staff. Over 62% of our residents have Library cards and approximately 19,000 people visit our six locations each week. The Library Foundation and our Friends members support the Library through their voices, their time, and their generous financial support. Our volunteers donate over 22,000 hours to our libraries each year, shelving books, running our bookstores, and performing other important activities. The Library continually seeks partnership opportunities with people and organizations throughout Martin County. Partners include the Early Learning Coalition, the United Way, the Martin County School District, colleges and museums. Many of our partners provide experts who share their knowledge and skills with our residents through Library classes and workshops.

Building (or Site) Description: (General description of the building site)

The Peter & Julie Cummings Library is located in Palm City, FL and bounded by a 4 acre upland pine and wetland preserve. This is in a residential area with 3 elementary schools, one middle school and several golf communities serving families and retirees with some seasonal residents. In 2009, the library was expanded to 20,000 square feet, adding a second story of contemporary architecture to the Florida vernacular design of the original 1994 building. To the east and north of the parking area, where this project is situated, is a large open water detention basin.

Building Project Schedule

Schematic design phase will be complete: TBD

Project is expected to be bid: TBD (if necessary)

Building will be open: TBD

Architects: (if applicable)**ARTIST ELIGIBILITY**

The project is open to all professional artists as defined in the Art in Public Places Ordinance No. 1103, Chapter 13, General Ordinances, Martin County Code. Experience implementing their ideas and work in the public realm and with public agencies is a plus. The Martin County Art in Public Places program encourages artists from diverse backgrounds and experiences to apply.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process is managed by the Martin County Office of Community Development along with the Martin County Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC). Project selection happens through these entities along with representatives from the community and the County. The Martin County Board of County Commissioners approves the final selection.

Selection Criteria

The Public Art Advisory Committee shall consider the following criteria:

1. Public art shall be in areas where residents and visitors live, work or congregate and shall be highly visible and accessible.
2. The appropriateness of the work to the site, permanence of the work relative to environmental conditions, maintenance requirements and costs, and the enduring nature of the artistic statement.
3. The sensitivity of the work to the aesthetic and cultural traditions and the history of Martin County, Florida and to the surrounding neighborhood's character.
4. The artist's biography and resume, examples of existing works, technical competency, similarity to existing works of art and the following basics: form, texture, color, clarity, line and medium.

Application Requirements

The information and documentation below must be postmarked or arrive via email at the Martin County Office of Community Development before TIME on the stated deadline.

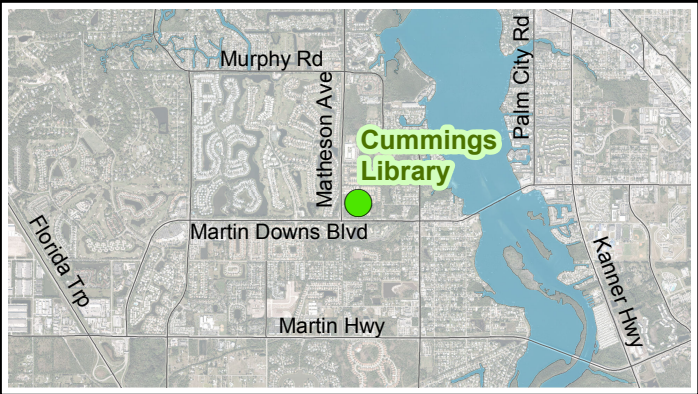
1. Statement. One paragraph maximum which illustrates the relationship between the work submitted and the specific project.

2. Resume. A current and professional resume, emphasizing public art experience and public commissions (if any).
3. Renderings of the proposed design and completed artworks and/or project. If already created, the works must have been completed during the last five years. All must be labeled with artist's name and title of work.
4. Any structures proposed must be designed, built and installed in accordance with all applicable codes, including permitting, to the standards in the most recent edition of the local building code.
5. Proposals shall be submitted as follows: **one (1) original, six (6) copies and one (1) electronic copy (on flash drive, in MS Word or searchable PDF or send to <ftp://ftp.martin.fl.us/pub/incoming/AIPP>** (for Windows Explorer go to FILE and click 'Login As', login: ftp public & password: @Martin!) in a clear and concise format, on 8 ½" x 11" papers, in English.

Deadline: Postmarked, emailed or delivered by Friday, December 20, 2019, 5:00 pm.

Send or Deliver to:

Public Art Advisory Committee
c/o Martin County Office of Community
Development
2401 SE Monterey Road
Stuart, FL 34996



**PROJECT
LOCATION**



SIDEWALK

Peter and Julie Cummings Library



Pavilion and Pathway - Primary Site



West of Pavilion Secondary Site



Examples of Potential Design Elements and Ideas

