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**Subject:** ICRP - revised site plan for public art  
**Attachments:** ICRP\_L403(Conformed Set)\_2025-12-04\_02-30-43pm\_PA-location.pdf

Hello, Imagination Center Public Art Finalists,

Thank you for your patience while we worked to address some of the concerns raised during our site visit. After seeing the proximity of the solar tree and gaining an understanding of the visibility of the site, we decided to move the public art location into a more ideal space. We are still working through final approvals, but the plans are set enough we wanted to get you this information as you work on your designs.

### Updated site plan attached.

#### New Public Art Site Specifications:

- **Dimensions:** 30 ft x 30 ft (900 sq ft)
  - o The previous site was 12'2" x 29'7" (roughly 350 sq ft)
  - o You are not required to use the entire space. This is a general footprint only.
  - o Your work can be a single piece or a grouping of multiple pieces but must remain inside this footprint.
- **Surface:** This is in a grass turf area of the park, between the library patio (to the east) and taller prairie grass adjacent to the multi-use paths (to the west).
- **Foundation:**
  - o As a reminder, you will be responsible for providing a foundation design stamped by a structural engineer.
  - o We will contract and pay for the construction of the foundation using your provided plans.
  - o The foundation must be at grade.
  - o There must be a buffer zone of at least 36" around your work that is either part of your cement foundation or another material that does not require mowing. The intent of this request is to remove any requirement for string trimming around your work. A riding mower must be able to pass around your work easily to maintain the adjacent turf without coming into proximity of the sculpture and risking damage.
- **Site proximities:**
  - o 50 ft + west of the solar tree
  - o 10 ft east of the underground sanitary line
  - o 20 ft south of the underground geothermal wells
- **Tree:** A new tree proposed for the middle of the turf area will be relocated to not interfere with the public art area, or visibility of the public art (as noted on the attached plans)
- **Visibility:** The site can be seen out of the library windows and from the multi-use paths. Distance from the building also allows it to be better seen from the other patio areas outside the building on the park pavilion side (to the north) and will draw visitors into the landscape.
- **Electrical service:** The general contractor will place an electrical handhole at the approximate center of the proposed location.

**Tools requested:** You all have asked for the following tools and we are working to secure these. You may need to sign a release form, and if so, we will send that to you as soon as we have it. If you need something beyond this list, let me know.

- 3D models of the exterior of the building, the interior of the building, and the landscaping
- Renderings of the interior of the site, including those that show to design aesthetic and that may show the view from the inside out into the art area
- Relevant soil boring reports

**Local fabricators & suppliers:** We cannot recommend and do not retain lists of local suppliers or fabricators. If you are working in a particular medium, we may be able to provide information on contractors the City may have worked with in the past who use that material.

**Community Connection:** If you are interested in providing an email address, remote office hours, or any other way for the community to connect with you directly, please provide that information and we will add it to our website and share it with community stakeholders.

**Timeline:** Below is the current timeline. We would like to stay on this timeline. Our goal is to ensure the work is in place before the Imagination Center opens next fall. However, if any of you feel that the updates to the site and not having the requested tools at this time will prevent you from preparing a design, let us know. If anyone requests an extension to the design due date, we can push it back, but it may shorten the time available for contract negotiations and fabrication of the winning design.

- **12 PM, January 13, 2026:** Design Proposals Due
- **Jan 14 – February 4, 2026:** Survey & Board of Parks Commissioners Review
- **12 PM, February 16, 2026:** Presentations to Public Art Subcommittee
- **February 17, 2026:** MAC Review & Vote
- **Late February 2026 – March 2026:** Common Council review & contracting
- **April – July 2026:** Fabrication
- **August- Early September 2026:** Installation

Thank you,



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