



Babette Wainwright Proposal

2026 Sculpture for Newville (Kenneth) Park

About Babette Wainwright

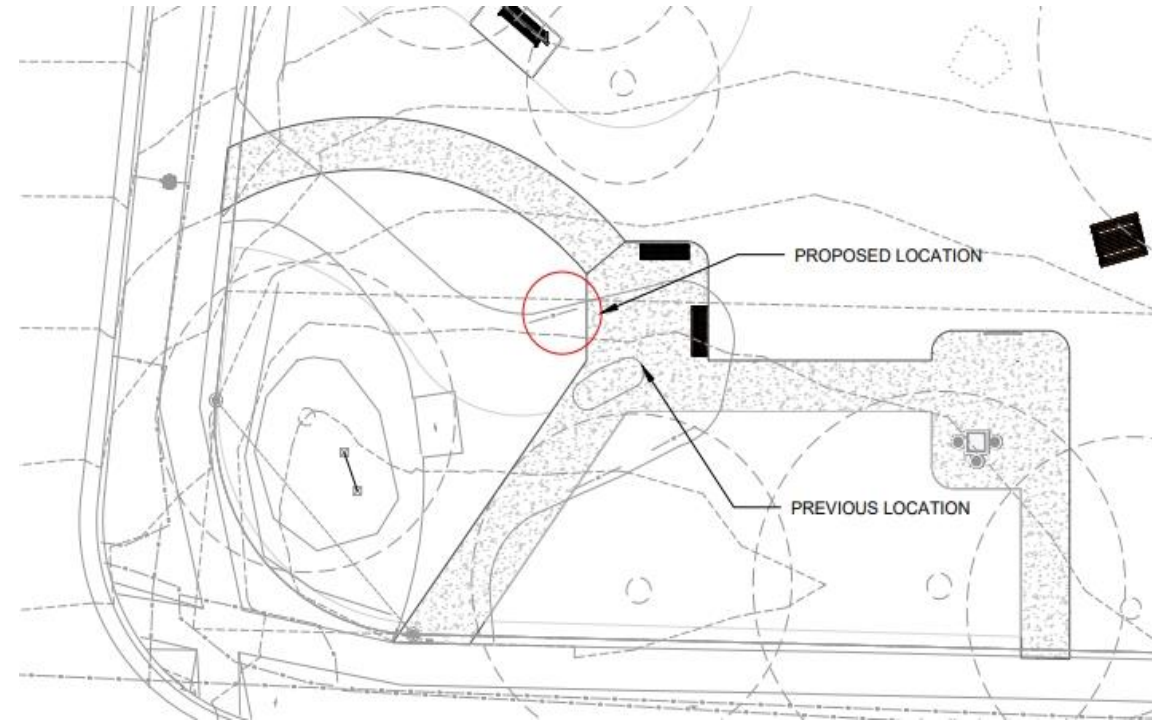
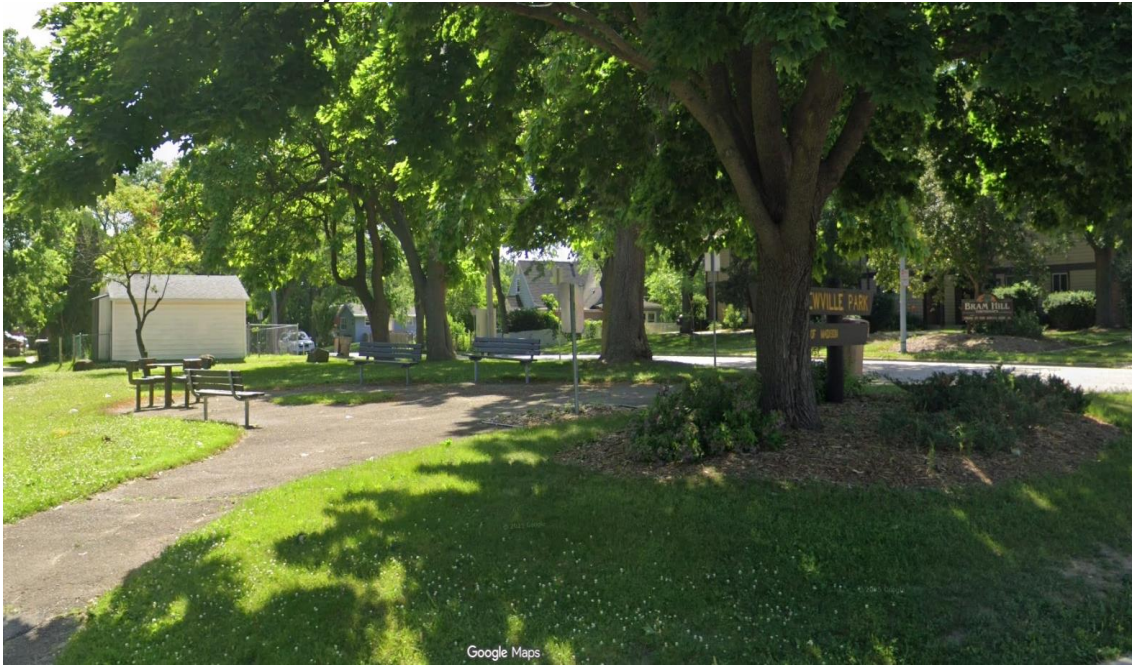


Image of Babette Wainwright by Beth McConnell from Our Lives Magazine, 2013

- Long time resident of Madison, WI.
- Sculptor and painter born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.
- MFA in ceramics from UW-Madison.
- Works focus on Black women and African ancestry.
- Inspired by works of pre-Colombian Haiti people.
- Awarded various grants and Wisconsin Women Artist Forward Fund prize in 2023.

Proposed Location

- Newville (Kenneth) Park
- Behind sign in grass bed.
- 1867 Beld St
- 43.04606, -89.39277



Proposed Designs

- Title: Lullaby
- Bronze
- 6' x 3' (1' concrete plinth)
- Proposed alteration: Fill in hair to make it easy to cast in bronze in one piece, or commission a different but similar model with that is easier to cast and does not pose a climbing risk.



Proposed Timeline

- Summer 2026: Siting approvals, begin community engagement
- September 9, 2026 MAC Meeting: Artist Talk - 10 minutes plus Q & A
- September 2026 – September 2027: Continue community outreach, complete fundraising, fabrication at foundary
- Spring 2028: Installation
- Juneteenth 2028: Dedication

Budget

- Design Fee \$2,500
- Licensing Fee \$5,000
- Fabrication in Bronze \$70,000
- Foundation in concrete \$15,000
- Shipping: \$2,500
- Installation \$5,000
- Plaque \$500
- Outreach, documentation, celebration \$2,000
- Contingency \$10,000

TOTAL ESTIMATE \$112,500.00

Recommendation

Seeking approval for licensing, fabrication and installation of the design by Babette Wainright with the proposed alteration at Newville Park, or empower staff to commission a very similar design, if needed, to mitigate casting issues or climbing risks.