

The program was proposed by John Thomaides and Kim Porterfield as a way to deter graffiti and beautify the city. City staff was directed to form a committee. Lisa Morris and Amy Kirwin met with Mr. Thomaides to discuss the makeup of the committee. The initial committee included city staff, Mr. Thomaides, a representative from the Arts Commission (Charlotte Wattigny), and University Arts Representative (Mary Mikel Stump). Our goal was to have individuals with interest and work experience in the arts. Over the course of time, Arts Commission representatives have changed. Charlotte Wattigny has stayed on the committee representing the CVB. The University representatives have changed as well.

Current Committee Members: Lisa Morris, Amy Kirwin, Charlotte Wattigny – CVB/Artist, Lela Holt – Arts Commission, Michelle Sotolongo – University/Artist, John Thomaides-Citizen/Former Mayor.

The committee meets on an as needed basis to review requests for mural grants and to review submissions for commissioned murals. City staff makes recommendations to the committee on locations that are being tagged with graffiti as well as areas that would be appropriate for beautification efforts.

Coordinators: Lisa Morris and Amy Kirwin work together to identify locations and complete the necessary administrative duties (calls for artists, contracts, purchasing supplies, etc.)

The City Council has approved \$30,000 each year since 2013.

Commissioned Murals

Children's Park

Artist - Mabel Sirup

Approximate Cost - \$6,000

Crook Park

Artist - Mateo Jaimes

Approximate Cost - \$5,000

Old Hays County Justice Center

Artist - Susan Harmon

Approximate Cost - \$16,000

Veterans Mural

Artist - Ryan Runcie

Approximate Cost - \$24,000

Rio Vista Mural

Artist - Buddy Pajak

Approximate Cost - \$5,000

Crockett Elementary Artists' – Jessica Botello and Amy Hall

Approximate Cost - \$5,000

The Marc

Artists – Jessica Botello and Amy Hall

Approximate Cost - \$9,000

Raising Canes

Artists – Mabel Sirup and Nina Sandoval

Approximate Cost - \$5,500

Southside Community Center

Artist – Darin Wood

Business Sponsor – Southside Community Center

Approximate Cost - \$3,700

Grant Funded Murals

Root Cellar Bakery

Artist – Morgan Egan

Business Sponsor – The Root Cellar

Approximate Cost - \$4,500

Eddie Durham Park/City Finance

Artist – Cody Seigmund

Business Sponsors – KTSW and City Finance

Approximate Cost - \$2,500

Vintage Pads

Artists' – Chase Hayles and Kelsey Huckabey

Business Sponsor – Vintage Pads

Approximate Cost - \$6,000

Splash Co-working

Artist – Naveen Shakil

Business Sponsor – Splash Co-working

Approximate Cost - \$3,250

Mini Murals – Commissioned by the Mural Arts Program.

Artist seeks out locations and received written approval from the building owner.

Artist – Rene Perez

Approximate Cost - \$3,000

Locations are downtown, Dunbar Recreation Center and Rio Vista Park