

Porter Arneill

From: Connie Fiorella-Fitzpatrick <conniefitzp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 4:11 PM
To: Kate Dinneen; Porter Arneill; Lisa Larsen
Cc: Wak'ó Mujeres Phų nư Women Mural
Subject: LCAC WoC Mural
Attachments: Binder1.pdf; WOC Mural Project Budget .pdf; gouldevans-communication.pdf

Kate Dinneen, Porter Arneill, and Commissioner Lisa Larsem,

I am attaching what I have found as proof of the community involvement listed on our presentation and the budget as required. I am including Commissioner Lisa Larsen because she happened to also attend the same Old West Lawrence Neighborhood Association meeting, in which my team and I presented at. Also, the email-communication with the architects is copied as well. This includes photos of the people who attended our informative presentation of the mural project to the LPL Board of Trustees on April of 2018.

Below is the list of community involvement provided for the LCAC presentation. It will include notes in parenthesis:

We have presented the project to:

- The East Lawrence Neighborhood Associated (email copy)
- Old West Lawrence (email copy)
- City Mayor and City Commissioners
- NAACP (email copy of minutes & confirmed support)

Engaged groups:

- South Middle school feminist club (signed letter of interactions/participation with the school)
- South Middle school mural club (included on the letter from the feminist club)
- 7th Grade Class —Liberty Memorial Central Middle School (*a participation email*)
- Kennedy Elementary School Boys and Girls *Club (email copy)*
- East Lawrence Neighborhood Association (*email copy*)
- KU and Haskell Womx Of Color Collective (*photos of event—I have presented at the 2017 retreat, KU OMA, Ms. Porras is the contact person*)
- Haskell Library (*letter of support including previous participation*)
- Supported by the Lawrence Public Library Board of Trustees and Library Director Brad Allen. (the letter was attached to the agenda, and Brad Allen spoke at City Commission)
- NAACP (email copy of minutes & confirmed support)

Please, let me know if this is sufficient proof.

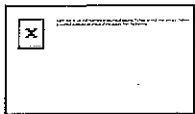
Best,

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► **The Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission**

Greetings,

I'm writing to express my support and gratitude for the Women of Color Mural Group. After learning about the group and their mission for our community I reached out, through their website, to inquire about a possible partnership with our school's Young Feminist Club. The Young Feminist Club at Billy Mills Middle School boasts one of the largest club memberships and meets twice a month. My inquiry was immediately met with enthusiasm by WOC's team member, Connie Fiorella. Ms. Fiorella and I collaborated on what our initial presentation would look like, it was important to Ms. Fiorella that she be prepared for our students and her passion and professionalism as we prepared was uplifting.

Women of Color Mural Group presented to our Young Feminist Club this spring. Ms. Fiorella's presentation was informative, engaging and empowering especially for our young women of color. After the presentation, Ms. Fiorella stayed to dialogue with our Mural Club sponsor and students interested in participating during the summer with the WOC Mural Group. Both the Young Feminist Club and the Mural Clubs are invited to participate in the first day of community painting, a historical event that our club members are eager to see come to fruition.

With a hopeful and determined heart, I share the beginnings of our community partnership. A partnership that we look forward to seeing flourish. The efforts of these women are awe inspiring to the young people in our club. Their victories are our victories and the invitation that they have extended to our group members to help make history is paramount to our student's self-worth and identity. The invitation for collaboration tells our student's they are seen and their histories and voices matter.



Jennifer Scotten
Librarian/Young Feminist Club Sponsor
Billy Mills Middle School
jscotten@usd497.org

Reminder - Retreat - TODAY 1:00-5:00PM - Sabatini Multicultural Resource Center



Gullickson, Emily B.V. <emilygullickson@ku.edu>
to Precious, Paige, Shantel, Sofia

9/17/16



Good morning everyone,
Hello! Just a quick reminder that today we have the Womxn of Color retreat TODAY at 1:00pm in the Sabatini Multicultural Resource Center, located in the Office of Multicultural Affairs, at 1299 Oread Avenue, connected to the Kansas Union. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please e-mail me at your earliest convenience, and staff members will be present before the beginning of the retreat as well to help you with what you need. Thank you & have a great day!
Best,
Emily

Emily B.V. Gullickson, M.A., M.S.

Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

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Photos from Precious Porras's post in KU & Haskell Women of Color Collective



PRECIOUS PORRAS

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Room 119

WoC Mural East Lawrence Neighborhood Association-Community involvement request

10 messages

Connie Fiorella-Fitzpatrick <conniefitzp@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 14, 2018 at 11:30 AM

To: phil@pcollison.com, Vanessa Reynaga <veereynaga@gmail.com>, Kate Dinneen <kld310@earthlink.net>, Porter Arneill <parneill@lawrenceks.org>

Cc: Wak'ó Mujeres Phũ nũ Women Mural <wocmural.ks@gmail.com>

Hello Phil and Vanessa,

This is Connie Fiorella Fitzpatrick. I am writing in regards to the Womxn of Color Histories mural; which is proposed to be painted on the exterior wall of the LPL.

Last night my team presented to the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission. They have required my team and I to obtain proof from ELNA expressing that my team has communicated with them about the project. I know a few members attended last night's meeting including Vanessa.

Something short and simple will work just fine. I am including Kate Dinneen and Porter Arneill; for them to have their LCAC requested communications.

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association contacts:**Phil Collison** — Board Member, Presidentphil@pcollison.com**Vanessa Reynaga** — Board Memberveereynaga@gmail.com

If you have any questions fell welcomed to give me a call!

Best,

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Phil Collison <phil@pcollison.com>

Thu, Jun 14, 2018 at 8:39 PM

To: Connie Fiorella-Fitzpatrick <conniefitzp@gmail.com>

Hi Connie, I'm out bicycling in Kansas. Looks like Vanessa has reached out to the board. I will keep an eye on it and help shepherd. When do you need this by?

Phil

Sent from East Lawrence USA.

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Connie Fitzpatrick <conniefitzp@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 14, 2018 at 10:05 PM

To: Phil Collison <phil@pcollison.com>

Hi Phil! That sounds so amazing. I hope your ride is going strong.

Ideally the sooner the better. Since the approval is conditional to the requested "proof".

Thanks!

Connie

[Quoted text hidden]

Vanessa Reynaga <veereynaga@gmail.com>

Fri, Jun 15, 2018 at 2:51 PM

To: Connie Fiorella-Fitzpatrick <conniefitzp@gmail.com>

Cc: Phil Collison <phil@pcollison.com>, Kate Dinneen <kld310@earthlink.net>, Porter Arneill <parneill@lawrenceks.org>, Wak'ó Mujeres Phụ nữ Women Mural <wocmural.ks@gmail.com>

Hi Connie,

Yes, I have introduced the project to my fellow ELNA board members and invited them to the City Hall meeting where the WOC Mural group presented to the City Commissioners. We had some ELNA members attend, among them was KT Walsh and myself. I am also part of the design team and ELNA board.

Best,

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Connie Fitzpatrick <conniefitzp@gmail.com>

Fri, Jun 15, 2018 at 3:17 PM

To: parneill@lawrenceks.org

Hi Porter,

I know you said to send everything at once. I just have a question: is this email communication enough as proof that we are in communication with ELNA?

Thanks,

Connie

Sent from my iPhone

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Porter Arneill <parneill@lawrenceks.org>

Fri, Jun 15, 2018 at 3:29 PM

To: Connie Fitzpatrick <conniefitzp@gmail.com>

Connie,

I'll make sure this is included.

Thanks,

Porter



Porter Arneill, Director of Communications and Creative Resources - parneill@lawrenceks.org

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From: Connie Fitzpatrick <conniefitzp@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 3:18 PM

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>> On Sep 19, 2017, at 3:23 AM, Kathryn Tuttle <knemethuttle@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> Marilyn, Lois Lopes let me know about your proposed mural project celebrating women of color. This sounds very exciting and we would be glad to have you make a brief presentation at our fall Old West Lawrence Association meeting. It will be on November 4 at 10 am in the Lawrence Public Library. Does this timing work for you? Let me know and I'll provide more information about the meeting. Thank you.

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>> Kathy Nemeth Tuttle

>> President, Old West Lawrence Association

Mural Painting Summer Of 2018 WOC

Connie Fiorella-Fitzpatrick <conniefitzp@gmail.com>
To: Wak'ó Mujeres Phụ nữ Women Mural <wocmural.ks@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 19, 2018 at 1:39 PM

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From: **Connie Fiorella-Fitzpatrick** <conniefitzp@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jun 19, 2018 at 1:39 PM
Subject: Re: Mural Painting Summer Of 2018 WOC
To: Anthony Foster <afoster@bgclk.org>

Anthony,

This sounds great! We will keep you posted when we are able to solidify the dates.

Could you give us an estimate of: the number of kids, age range, time of the day you would like to paint. This will help us coordinate activities, water, etc.

Thanks!

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On Mon, Jun 18, 2018 at 3:48 PM, Anthony Foster <afoster@bgclk.org> wrote:

Hello,

I apologize for the delay. I think that the 25th or 26th would work best for us. Just let me know which day would work best for you all.

Thank you for your support of our programs!

Anthony Foster / Area Director
afoster@bgclk.org / 785.813.6867

Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence
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www.bgclk.org

Porter Arneill

From: Kathryn Tuttle <knemethtuttle@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 1:55 PM
To: Porter Arneill
Cc: Kassie Edwards; Daniel Poull
Subject: Womxn of Color Mural

To: Porter Arneill, Director of Arts and Culture
From: Kathy Nemeth Tuttle, Old West Lawrence Association
Re: Womxn of Color Mural

Thank you for your phone call clarifying the information that is needed from the Old West Lawrence Association regarding the Womxn of Color mural.

At the Old West Lawrence (OWLA) general membership meeting on November 4, 2017, Connie Fitzpatrick and Imani Wadud shared information about the proposed mural celebrating local women of color. I was President of OWLA at the time, and they had previously requested a spot on our agenda.

Connie and Imani indicated the mural would be placed on the library parking garage (north side) and also discussed the oral history component of the project. They asked for nominations to be included in the mural.

OWLA members present were supportive of the concept and content of the mural and appreciated the efforts made for grant funding of the project. We agreed that celebrating local women of color is an important initiative for the community.

Putting the mural on the library building itself was never mentioned. OWLA does not have the knowledge to address any applicable City guidelines related to technical or architectural issues related to the location of the mural.

OWLA does have related experience with the murals completed by Van Go for the Pinckney Tunnel under Sixth Street. Unfortunately, they were damaged by graffiti recently. The fact that these murals were painted on panels was a great help in repairing the damage. We hope that the placement of this new mural does not encourage graffiti or sun damage, both of which would detract from the positive impact for the Library, the City, and Old West Lawrence.

Let me know if you need additional information. Thank you.

CC: Kassie Nieters
Daniel Poull, President, Old West Lawrence Association



On Thu, Jun 14, 2018 at 1:41 PM, Connie Fiorella-Fitzpatrick <conniefitzp@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello
Anthony!

Thank you for your patience regarding the painting timeline. We are so happy to be able to host the Kennedy Elementary School Boys and Girls Club as our honorable guest and be one of the first groups to paint on the historic Lawrence Womxn of Color Mural. It is proposed to be painted on the exterior concrete wall of the Lawrence Public Library (facing the green space).

We will send you more specifics once we have obtained dates and approvals from the City of Lawrence. We are still waiting for the final approval. But, we hope to paint with the Boys and Girls sometime between June 20th to June 26th. Is there a day and time we could tentatively schedule?

Sincerely,

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Support

1 message

Lawrence Naacp <lawrenceksnaacp@gmail.com>
To: conniefitzp@gmail.com

Thu, Jun 14, 2018 at 4:33 PM

Lawrence Branch NAACP
Unit #4045
June 14th 2017
Submitted From:
Lawrence Branch NAACP
President, Ursula Minor

The Lawrence Branch NAACP is in full support of the Women of Color Mural Project. The WOC group was a featured speaker at our September 24th 2017 Meeting. Minutes taken from there presentation below. The presentation was very informative and very well presented. After discussion the branch decided to give full support as it represents many strong women of color in our community.

The Lawrence branch NAACP participated in a joint project at the Lawrence public library with the WOC Mural Group during the Martin Luther King Holiday, it was a wonderful event very well attended by all ages.

The WOC group has kept us updated as the mural project progress. as President of the NAACP I have also been a member of the group. Having the Mural on the library is a huge step forward for the Lawrence community to be there all inclusive place that we say they are.

Ironically the greatest opposition is from the highest percentage of people represented in Lawrence which are white.
NAACP Meeting 9.14.17

1. Meeting called to order 6:36 PM
2. Acknowledgement of new guests
3. Speakers for the Meeting: Connie Fiorella-Fitzpatrick, Imani Wadud, Marilyn Hinojosa
 - a. Have received a grant to do an art mural of women of color by women of color titled: WAK' O MU JERES PHU NU WOMEN
 - b. Proposed location on the Library.
 - c. Would like to collect oral histories and then translate those oral histories into a visual concept that is turned into a mural
 - d. Would like to digitize and make the oral histories public at both the Spencer Research Library on Campus and the Watkins history museum
 - e. If you have any suggestions for women who should be talked to email the organizers at wocmural.ks@gmail.com
 - f. Need community support because have to present the idea and concept to the city for approval
 - g. Planning on having a design team comprised of 20 women that would collaborate on the ideas and create the mural
 - h. Looking for more collaboration between the group and the NAACP.

Submitted
Ursula Minor
Lawrence Branch President

A requirement from the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commison

4 messages

Wak'ó Mujeres Phụ nữ Women Mural <wocmural.ks@gmail.com>
To: rolf.petermann@gouldevans.com

Thu, Jun 14, 2018 at 10:42 AM

Hello Rolf,

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Something short and simple will work just fine. If you are not able to write this letter; please forward this information to someone who can.

PS: I am attaching the letter of support from the LPL and the [minutes from the Lawrence Mayor and City Commissioners](#) approving permission for the mural to be painted on that wall pending approval from the LCAC and the HRC.

Many thanks,

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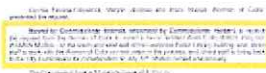
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 Tessa [redacted]@students.usd497.org>

to me -

Tessa
Collar

[redacted]
Lawrence,
Kansas 66044

Dear
Women of Color Mural Committee,

My name is Tessa Collar and I am a Seventh Grader at Liberty Memorial Central Middle School. I am writing to you to nominate my candidate for the Women of Color in Kansas History Mural. I believe Carrie Langston would be perfect to include in the mural. She was a hardworking journalist who wasn't afraid to voice her opinion, in a time that it wasn't common or appreciated for a woman to do that, let alone an African-American woman. She influenced her son Langston Hughes' writing greatly with the letters she wrote him and their strong relationship. She also instilled many values in the him that we see through his writing. Carrie Langston was a very influential woman with revolutionary ideas in a time that needed such women.

The Atchison Blade was a newspaper company lucky enough to have Carrie Langston as a writer. She voiced her opinion on women's rights and encouraged women to seek education, register themselves to vote and educate themselves on local and national politics, and to voice their own opinions by entering the field of journalism. Without her early leadership, fewer women would have become politically active when they did and it could have taken longer for women to gain the right to vote in Kansas.

Carrie Langston was the mother to a very important writer in our history: Langston Hughes. His writing was very influential on the thinking of Lawrence and elsewhere on the idea of race. Hughes' writing discussed the impacts racism had on his own life; it was also very representative of others experiences and helped others better understand the struggles their neighbors had endured while they were watching on the sidelines. Carrie Langston had a very strong relationship with her son. When they lived apart, they wrote many letters to each other. These letters, and Hughes' relationship with his mother were both very significant to his writing becoming what it did.

Carrie Langston was a very important woman in our history. She helped other other women find their voice and use it for change. She also helped her son, Langston Hughes, become the famed writer that he was.

Thank you for your time, and I hope you consider Carrie Langston as a part of your amazing mural.

Sincerely
yours,

Tessa
Collar

To: Wak'ó Mujeres Phụ nữ Women Mural <wocmural.ks@gmail.com>
Cc: John Wilkins <John.Wilkins@gouldevans.com>

Connie,

Would you be interested in coming in to our studio to meet with John Wilkins and Sean Zaudke, Lawrence GE principal and LPL lead designer, respectively?

Thanks for reaching out,

Rolf Petermann

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From: Wak'ó Mujeres Phụ nữ Women Mural <wocmural.ks@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 10:42 AM
To: Rolf Petermann <Rolf.Petermann@GouldEvans.com>
Subject: A requirement from the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commison

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Fri, Jun 15, 2018 at 12:03 PM

To: Rolf Petermann <Rolf.Petermann@gouldevans.com>

Cc: John Wilkins <John.Wilkins@gouldevans.com>

Hello,

Thank you Rolf for making this connection. I would love to meet John Wilkins and Sean Zaudke. My schedule is very flexible this coming week.

PS: I will have to bring my 10 month old baby with me. He is very friendly and has attended many meetings.

Mural in the news:

<http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2018/jun/14/city-arts-commission-recommends-womxn-color-mural/>

Manny Thanks,

Connie Fiorella Fitzpatrick

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Wak'ó Mujeres Phụ nữ Women Mural <wocmural.ks@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 18, 2018 at 8:57 PM

To: Connie Fitzpatrick <conniefitzp@gmail.com>

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From: **Wak'ó Mujeres Phụ nữ Women Mural** <wocmural.ks@gmail.com>

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Haskell

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Academic Support Center
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www.haskell.edu

May 7, 2018

Dear Connie, Imani, and Marylin,

Thank you for including the thoughts and wishes of the people at Haskell Indian Nations University since the emergence of the Wak'ó Mujeres Phų nŭr Womxn Mural. We appreciate that you met with staff on repeated occasions to identify our matriarchs of our Haskell Community. We appreciate that you met with our students face to face for your project. Many will remain in Lawrence and become active members in our Lawrence Community.

The ASC partners with the Haskell faculty and community in developing information-literate learners and leaders within our indigenous communities. The Wak'ó Mujeres Phų nŭr Womxn Mural shows our leaders on Lawrence Community foundation, the Lawrence Public Library. Correct representation of our current leader is extremely important when our people have been misrepresented in countless ways in our society and in publication. Just as the City of Lawrence has banners on street lights, we hope to see more efforts such as the Wak'ó Mujeres Phų nŭr Womxn Mural. When the library opened, I distinctly remember seeing a young native boy with long braids in the northwest window just after the library's reopening. A simple image shows all of all our native children and people that they belong in the Lawrence Public Library. Your project idea is amazing and desperately needed in our current society. I wish you the best in your success. Efforts such as these make Lawrence, Kansas a better place.

Please let me know how else we may help. May your efforts be successful.

Sincerely,

Carrie Cornelius
Prairie Band Potawatomi/Oneida
Supervisory Librarian
Academic Support Center
Haskell Indian Nations University

The mission of Haskell Indian Nations University is to build the leadership capacity of our students by serving as the leading institution of academic excellence, cultural and intellectual prominence, and holistic education that addresses the needs of Indigenous communities.