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Community Foundation Announces Roundabout Sculpture Project Placed on Hold

LANSING, MICH. — The Community Foundation announced that its selection committee was unable to make a recommendation among its four sculpture finalists for the downtown Lansing roundabout. The Foundation will reserve \$100,000 as a gift toward the roundabout sculpture through December 31, 2019 and welcomes the Mayor’s new Art and Culture Commission as a partner in this project. Additional funding is needed for a second Request for Proposals.

The Foundation received nearly 1,800 survey responses to the finalists during its public survey process in October. The committee welcomed all feedback, using it to learn more about the community, the people who care for it and public art.

“We are proud that this project brought an excellent placemaking opportunity to the forefront, prompted public conversation about Lansing’s identity and reflected excitement about the positive direction in which Lansing is headed,” said Laurie Baumer, Community Foundation executive vice president.

“The corner of Michigan Avenue and Washington Square is a focal point in our city and we need something permanent in that space that shows the energy and excitement of Lansing,” said Mayor Andy Schor. “I appreciate the Community Foundation’s agreement to fund this for another year, and I am excited to have Lansing’s new Art and Culture Commission partner on this project.”

The committee and Foundation appreciate the artistic work of all who submitted proposals to its initial request, and particularly to the four finalists who were provided a stipend for their additional efforts.

“We also appreciate those who responded to our survey. Their feedback will continue to serve a valuable purpose as we evaluate how to create spaces that enhance our region, celebrate our culture and respect the needs of the community,” added Baumer.

The Community Foundation is passionate about creating vibrant, thriving communities throughout the Capital Region. The Foundation works with donors to meet their unique charitable goals, supports area nonprofits with grants and coaching and leads innovative projects that drive community growth. The Community Foundation (also known as the Capital Region Community Foundation) is a tax-exempt public charity that serves the charitable needs and enhances the quality of life for people in Ingham, Clinton and Eaton counties.

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