



Huntersville Public Art Commission
Department of Parks and Recreation
Public Request for Proposals
Huntersville Icehouse Reimagined
(RFP-HPAC-004)

Deadline: Wednesday May 15, 2020
5:00PM EST

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Overview:

The Huntersville Public Art Commission (HPAC) has collaborated with the Old Huntersville Historical Society (OHHS) to seek request for proposals from qualified artist to commission a permanent public art display located at Veterans Park in the heart of downtown Huntersville. This project will utilize the remnants of what were the Huntersville Icehouse's (Davidson Ice & Fuel and McCauley & Sons Ice) in a creative and reflective design capturing the embodiment of what the Huntersville Icehouse represented to the citizens of Huntersville.

This project, in partnership with the Old Huntersville Historical Society is funded by a \$5000.00 grant provided by Electricities of North Carolina. The HPAC/OHHS will virtually review submitted ideas with a final decision made at the HPAC June 10, 2020 meeting at 6:30PM (*pending the COVID-19 stay-at-home order is lifted*). Applicants will be updated if the meeting date is postponed. The target installation date is by December 31, 2020. Thank you for your interest!

Background and History of the Huntersville Ice House(s):

There are remnants from two former Huntersville icehouses that were located where Veterans Park currently sits in the heart of downtown Huntersville. The current "Icehouse Stage" is named in their honor. The buildings were in a central area of the Town where residents gathered and was the only source of refrigeration for the residents for several decades.

The original McCauley & Sons Icehouse produced its own ice and dates back to the early 1900's. The Davidson Ice & Fuel building was erected in the early 1950's. Both buildings had a main floor that was elevated to allow trucks, wagons and horseless carriages the ability to back into the dock for easy loading of the ice. The ice was stored under the floor of the loading dock area and kept cool through South American cork lined flooring, walls and ceiling of the storage hull. In warmer weather the ice was also covered in fine sawdust to remain cool. As the "coolest" place in town, the Icehouse(s) were a central gathering place for residents to converse, share information on the seasons harvest and catch up on current events and local information.

The Davidson Icehouse remained operational until the late 1900's and was eventually deconstructed in 2016 to clear way for the current grounds of Veterans Park.

Photos: The Davidson Ice & Fuel House



Salvaged Materials:

The OHHS was able to save (2) Pallets worth of the original bricks used to construct the original McCauley & Son's icehouse. The majority of the bricks are damaged, crumbling and not suitable for sustaining weight. A strengthening sealant should be used to reinforce each bricks mass and durability.

There are also (2) Pallets worth of salvaged bricks from the Davidson Ice & Fuel Company building which may be used. While stronger and in better condition than the handmade McCauley & Son's bricks, they are not recommended to be used for structural support. The concrete blocks are believed to be taken from the entrance steps of the Davidson Ice & Fuel building.

Your creativity is invited in utilizing any and all remnants of the original bricks within the projects design.

Photos: Davidson Ice & Fuel House



Photos: McCauley & Sons Icehouse



Conceptual Idea:

Here is a conceptual idea that was mocked-up by the town staff – base is lined with salvaged materials, on top sits a block of ice with ice tongs stuck in it. This is what we are thinking of, but we are open to other ideas.



Deadline:

The HPAC is accepting submissions up until May 15th 5:00pm. To ensure fairness to all, requests for any extensions or waivers of deadlines will not be granted. The HPAC reserves the right to postpone, suspend, cancel or extend this deadline at any time and through public notice.

Eligibility:

This call is open to all artists who currently live or work in the State of North Carolina. Submitted designs must represent creative use of the salvaged materials. Submitted designs may be created in any medium so long as it can be submitted digitally.

Selection Process:

A selection jury, which includes representatives from the HPAC and Old Huntersville Historical Society, will review all submitted proposals virtually. The selection committee will then present the recommended design to the Huntersville Town Board of Commissioners for final approval prior to commissioning an artist.

Selection Criteria:

The selection committee will use the following criteria in determining the finalist:

- Submission's creativity in utilization of the salvaged materials.
- Innovation and creativity in the proposed design.
- Submission's implementation of capturing the history of the original structure.
- Preference will be given to local artists.
- Completeness of the application process as outlined in this announcement.

Location:

Veterans Park is a focal point of downtown Huntersville frequently used for weekly concerts, Saturday Farmer's Market, and annual celebrations of Town and Country. Veterans Park can be found at the intersections of Huntersville-Concord Rd., Maxwell Ave. and Main St. An area approximately 9'x 6' immediately stage left has been designated for location. A sidewalk will border the location which will also have passing automotive and pedestrian traffic along Maxwell Ave. Your design should include plans for a foundation. Access to water and power is within close proximity and may be worked into the project.

The area is exposed to the elements of weather which include four seasons with hot summers and annual snow and ice storms.



Budget:

All expenses for materials, installation and essentials will be provided by the Town of Huntersville, funded by a grant received from Electricities. The selected artist will receive a maximum of \$5000.00 to cover all expenses, materials and installation.

Timeline:

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| • April 14, 2020 | Public Announcement |
| • May 15, 2020 | Submittal Deadline |
| • June 10, 2020 | Present submittals to the Committee |
| • July 8, 2020 | Decision on Artist/Partner |
| • July 20, 2020 | Present to the Town Board for approval |
| • December 31, 2020 | Complete Install |

How to Apply:

All qualified and interested parties are encouraged to apply. All application requirements must be met to be considered.

All applications, submissions and questions should be directed to:
Tracy Houk, Assistant Director Huntersville Parks and Recreation:
thouk@huntersville.org / 704-766-2227
105 Gilead Rd. Floor 3, Huntersville, NC 28078.

All submissions are due by 5:00PM / May 15, 2020.

1. One page statement of interest briefly describing the concept design and your inspiration behind the design.
2. Design Proposals: You may submit up to a maximum of 3 different designs for consideration. All designs should be submitted separately with its own statement of interest as explained in item 1.
3. Submissions may be hand drawn or drafted without an accompanying photo.