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Artist Selected for Pierotti Park

Memphis, TN – Local artist Mikelle Lindsey was selected to create an enhancement for Pierotti Park in Raleigh. Pierotti Park is home to the Raleigh Community Center and recently received a new playground as part of the City of Memphis CIP budget. It will now receive public art that will be reflective of the surrounding community.

The art enhancements for the park will be developed with community involvement throughout the design process. The UAC is working with Mikelle to plan meetings that will involve users of the park. Says Mikelle, “I am excited about the notion of art that will impact everyday experiences.”

Mikelle Lindsey’s background is in film and theater, in addition to art. She holds a degree in Art Theory and Practice from the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, CA, and also attended the North Carolina School of the Arts.

Artists in the tri-state area were invited to submit applications, and three Tennessee artists were interviewed before Mikelle was selected. Artist selection was made by an ad hoc selection panel that included the project architect, a City representative, two arts professionals and a community representative. All recommendations made by the selection panel were presented to the City Council-appointed Public Art Oversight Committee for approval. For complete guidelines, please visit our website at www.urbanartcommission.org.

The UrbanArt Commission was established in 1997 through the vision of Founding Chair Kristi Jernigan and through the collaborative efforts of the Memphis Arts Council and the Shelby County Government. The mission of the UrbanArt Commission is to create a dynamic, vibrant, nurturing community through art and design. The UAC is funded in part by the City of Memphis, the Tennessee Arts Commission and the Memphis Arts Council. The City of Memphis’s Public Art Program was passed by the City Council in March of 2002, and allocates one percent of the total general obligation bond amount included in the CIP budget for construction costs each fiscal year to be set aside for the development of artwork.

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