



ST. CHARLES  
SINCE 1834

### AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: Consideration of Request to Erect Temporary Art Project on City Property

Presenter: Brian Townsend

*Please check appropriate box:*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government Services 09.24.12
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning & Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	City Council

Estimated Cost:	N/A	Budgeted:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
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If NO, please explain how item will be funded:

**Executive Summary:**

A local resident has requested that the City of St. Charles consider allowing the installation of a temporary art project in downtown St. Charles.

*Before I Die...* is a global art project that invites people to reflect on their lives and share their personal aspirations in public space.

You can learn more about the project and watch a short video at this website - <http://beforeidie.cc/site/blog/category/walls/>

Staff has discussed the matter internally and believe that the project could be supported with minimal staff time and effort. The 2 locations being considered are the plaza on 1<sup>st</sup> Street or the plaza at City Hall. In addition, we believe that the time period for the installation should be limited to no more than 45 days.

Representatives of the Downtown St. Charles Partnership and St. Charles Arts Council have been consulted and have no objections. The city is currently awaiting feedback from the Convention & Visitors Bureau regarding a location that would not interfere with Scarecrow Festival activities.

At this time, staff is seeking review and comment from the members of the Government Services Committee regarding the proposal.

**Attachments:** *(please list)*

E-mail correspondence from Mr. Scott Nowling

**Recommendation / Suggested Action** *(briefly explain):*

Discuss the proposal and provide direction to the requester and staff.

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From: Scott Nowling <snowling@StarckRealtors.com>  
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Date: 09/17/2012 10:18 PM  
Subject: Before I Die Wall

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Brian:

Thanks for being open to more discussion around the Before I Die Wall. As you know, *Before I Die* is a global art project that invites people to reflect on their lives and share their personal aspirations in public space. Here is a link with more information: <http://beforeidie.cc/site/blog/category/walls/>. I'm delighted with the thoughts around the parking lot near 1st street. The core of downtown is critical.

Here are my thoughts on the project: It would be privately funded. I have enlisted the help of a local craftsman to assist in panel fabrication. I was thinking a 8' X 16' two-sided wall. Temporary with duration to be determined by the city. I would personally examine the wall daily to assure that anything inappropriate is erased.

I believe that this is an opportunity to highlight the arts in St. Charles. Adding twitter, a website and video to the stories of the aspirations of participants could make this a lasting memorialization of the wall's stay.

I don't know what level of approval you need to get to allow this. I would be thrilled and prepared to go during Scarecrow Fest if that was possible. Please call me when you have a moment.

Scott