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Monroe County Capitol Improvement Board Begins Public Feedback on Four Artist Proposals for Convention Center Expansion Arts Project

Bloomington, IN — The Monroe County Capitol Improvement Board (CIB) is beginning public feedback on four artist proposals received for the “One Percent for the Arts” project associated with the Bloomington Convention Center Expansion.

In 2024, the CIB formed a Bloomington Entertainment and Arts District (BEAD) Advisory Group, chaired by Galen Cassady, co-owner and manager of the Uptown Cafe. The group was tasked with advising the CIB on the process for expending \$520,000 of the expansion’s \$52 million construction budget for public artwork, as required by the City of Bloomington’s One Percent for the Arts Ordinance. The artwork will be installed in one or more publicly accessible areas of the new convention center.

The BEAD advisory group created a recommendation committee that includes membership from the advisory committee, the CIB, the Bloomington Arts Commission, and the Indiana Arts Commission to create a process to seek public input and feedback and recommend an artist proposal to the CIB.

Following an initial call for artists and a review process, five finalists were invited to submit proposals. Four of the five have now been selected to advance to the next phase of the process based on completed proposals submitted by the April 10 deadline. The public is now invited to review and provide feedback on these proposals through an online survey, available as follows:

Public feedback opportunity:

- An **online survey** available from **Monday, April 20, 2026, through Friday, May 1, 2026.**

A link to the online survey is available at:

<https://form.typeform.com/to/VLRkLktK>

All feedback collected through May 1, 2026, will be reviewed by the BEAD advisory group’s recommendation committee and the recommendation committee plans to present its report to the Capitol Improvement Board at its May 20 public meeting.