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## MISSOULA PARKS AND RECREATION PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **City seeks public input on proposed sculpture walk in Silver Park**

#### **PUBLIC FEEDBACK SURVEY EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH 25**

In collaboration with Arts Missoula and the City's Public Art Committee, Parks and Recreation is seeking community input on a proposal to install a sculpture walk in Silver Park, located at 900 Clegg Ln. in the Old Sawmill District. Residents are encouraged to read the [project overview](#) and share their feedback via a public feedback survey through Monday, March 25, at [engagemissoula.com](http://engagemissoula.com).

A sculpture walk, an outdoor gallery of durable sculptures amidst landscaped settings, is a concept that has enriched many cities nationwide. By designating public areas for these installations, cities have provided accessible art that fosters community identity, pride, and a sense of belonging. This proposal for Silver Park aims to bring these benefits to Missoula, enhancing the lives of residents and visitors alike.

The sculptures for the proposed walk would be funded through grants and donations, demonstrating the community's commitment to public art. Local art advocates are establishing a community-driven non-profit to raise funds to purchase, install, and maintain the sculptures. The City's Public Art Committee would ensure a transparent public review process. Parks and Recreation would manage the park and trail operations around the sculptures with minimal costs to the City.

"We believe this is a fantastic opportunity to provide accessible art for our community in a fiscally responsible way," said Parks and Recreation Systems and Services Manager David Selvage. "We're eager to hear residents' thoughts on enriching Silver Park through sculpture. Community feedback is crucial in determining if there is enough support to advance the proposal for further public discussion and City Council consideration."

The project overview and survey are available at [www.engagemissoula.com](http://www.engagemissoula.com). For more information, contact David Selvage, Parks Systems & Services, at 406-552-6262 or [selvaged@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:selvaged@ci.missoula.mt.us).