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## **Committee recommends approval for proposed mural**

Yesterday - Tuesday, April, 21<sup>st</sup> - the **Public Works Committee** voted to recommend for approval **File #201678**, a resolution authorizing an agreement between artist Ms. Tia Richardson, Klein Land Company and the City of Milwaukee for a beautification mural on the retaining walls near the railroad overpass crossing over busy Fond du Lac Ave. at W. Locust St., in the 15th Aldermanic District.

The City will fund the \$14,292 cost of the project from the **Neighborhood Investment Beautification Program**. The railroad overpass crossing over Fond du Lac Ave. at W. Locust St. is in desperate need of maintenance and beautification, and Klein Land Company owns property with a large retaining wall next to the overpass and is willing to allow Ms. Richardson to beautify that wall to enhance the area.

“It is great to see local businesses and local artists coming together to work to enhance and beautify our communities, and providing the means to accomplish this project is the least we can do to aid in the process,” said 15<sup>th</sup> District **Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II**, a co-sponsor of file #201678.

“This project can also create a number of other opportunities for artists here in Milwaukee, and directing funds into this project could have lasting returns which inspire other artists and businesses to work together to maintain their neighborhoods,” said **Alderman Khalif J. Rainey**, who joined Alderman Stamper in co-sponsoring file #201678.

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## **Mural/ADD ONE**

Ms. Richardson is planning to include majestic elephants as part of the mural design.

“Elephants are protective, gentle, caring and very expressive. In many cultures they represent prosperity. That's what I want for our community, for it to be prosperous,” she said.

**The Public Works Committee meeting can be watched in the archives of the City Website at [www.city.milwaukee.gov/channel25](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/channel25).**

The file is scheduled to go before the full Common Council when it meets virtually at **9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**. The meeting **will be televised live** on the City Channel (channel 25 on Spectrum Cable and channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse in the City of Milwaukee) and via streaming video at [www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25).