## City of Detroit OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Janice M. Winfrey City Clerk

Vivian A. Hudson Deputy City Clerk

# DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Friday, June 26, 2009

To:

The Department or Commission Listed Below

Janice M. Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk

The following petition is herewith referred to you for report and recommendation to the City Council.

In accordance with that body's directive, kindly return the same with your report in duplicate within four (4) weeks.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION DPW - CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION

Downtown Development Authority, requesting approval of "Paradise Valley" 3539 and "Harmonie Park" Living History Walks at the entry/exit points of the park; a historical marker; and public art sculptures throughout the park.





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June 2, 2009

Councilwoman Barbara Rose-Collins Chairperson, Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee Honorable Detroit City Council Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Suite 1340 2 Woodward Avenue Detroit, MI 48226

Attention: Office of the City Clerk

Paradise Valley Cultural & Entertainment District Project Petition to Council for **Authorization and Acceptance of Public Art Elements** 

As you are aware, the DDA was assigned the task of creating the Paradise Valley Cultural and Entertainment District Project, to be located in the area bounded by Madison Avenue to the North, John R to the west, Broadway and Gratiot to the south and Alley west of Brush to the east (the "Project Area"). The DDA staff has worked diligently toward completing the project, and is currently working on implementing the second phase of improvements for the District as a part of the Paradise Valley Streetscape and Open Space Improvement Project. The DDA requests City Council acceptance and approval of:

- "Paradise Valley" and "Harmonie Park" Living History Walks to be located along the north-south and east-west entry/exit points of the park (Attachment 1)
- The Bea Buck historical marker located in the park (Attachment 2)

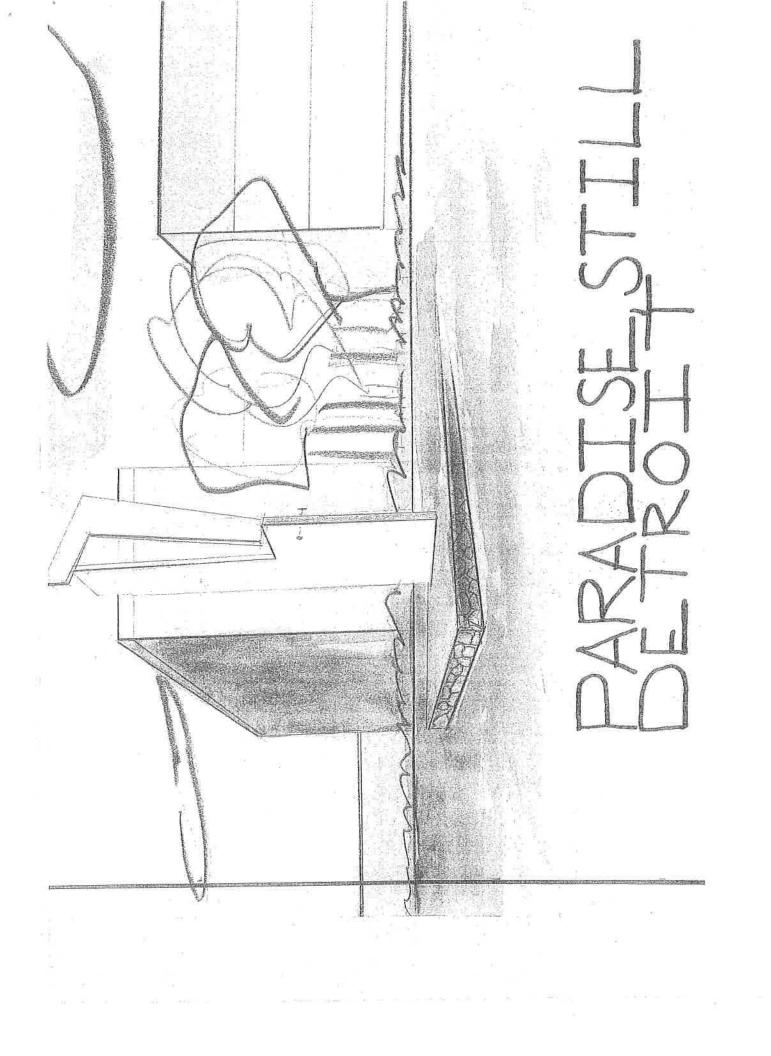
Public Art Sculptures throughout the park (Attachment 3)

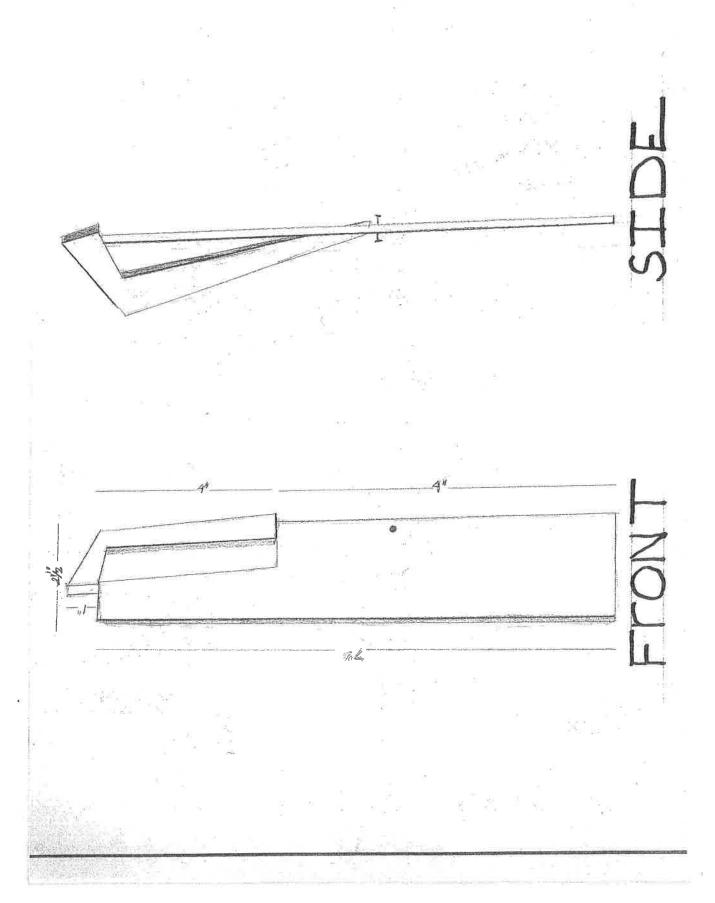
Attached for your review and consideration are images of the proposed elements to be constructed in the Project Area. Please feel free to contact me at 313.237.4604 if you have any questions or comments, or need additional information regarding the Project.

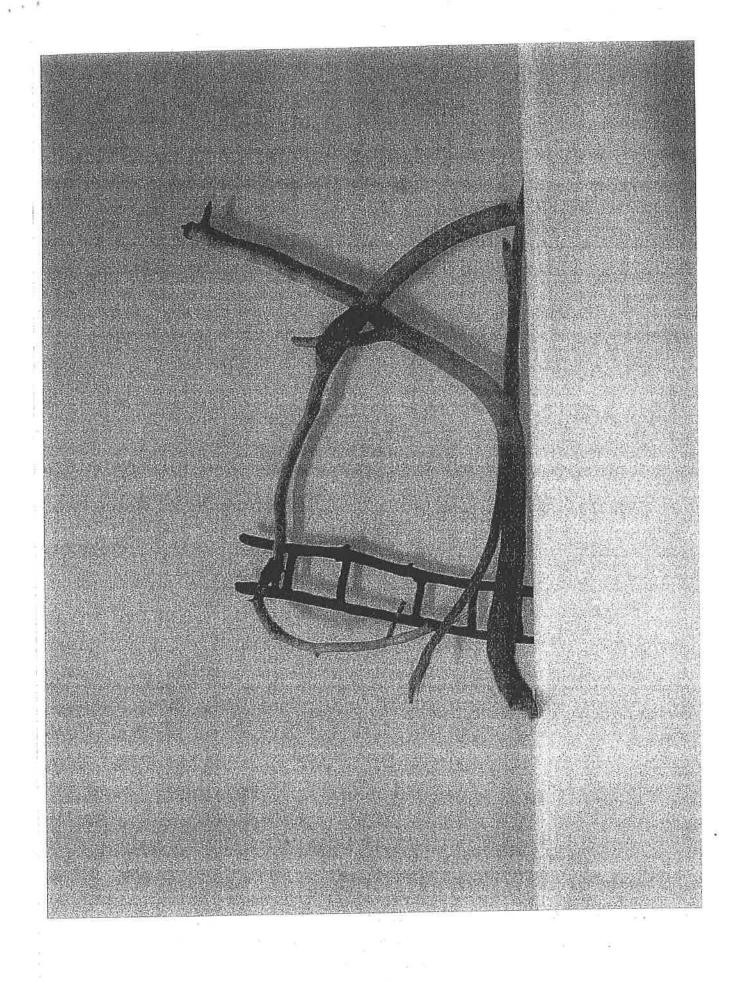
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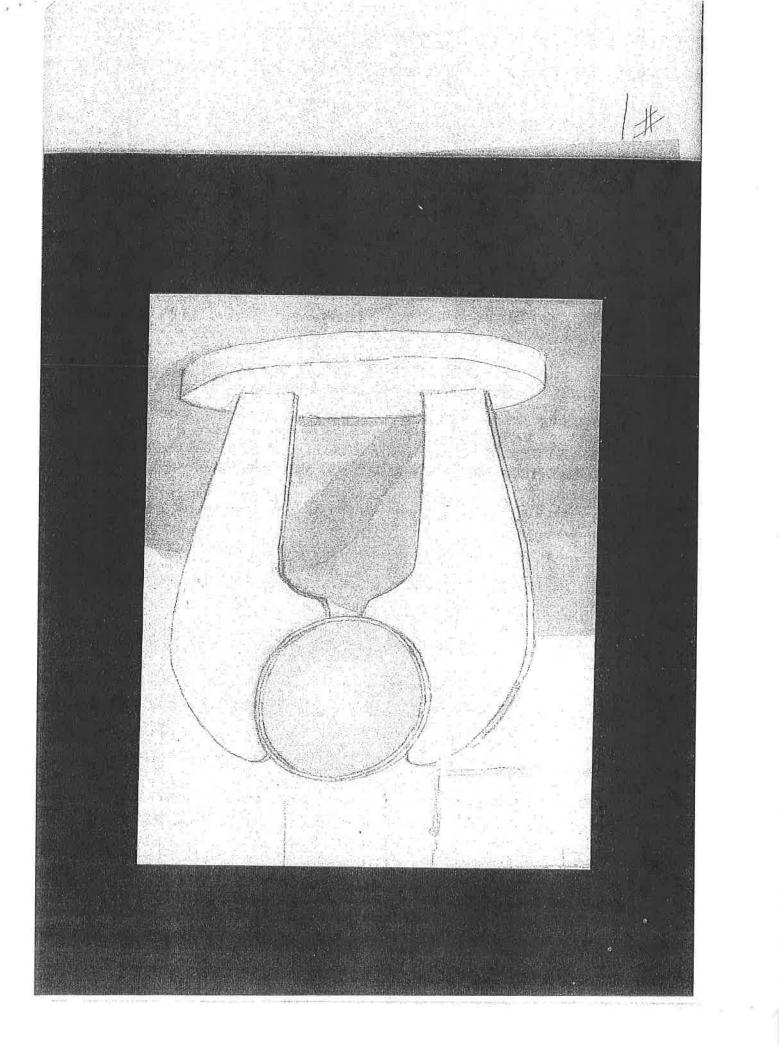
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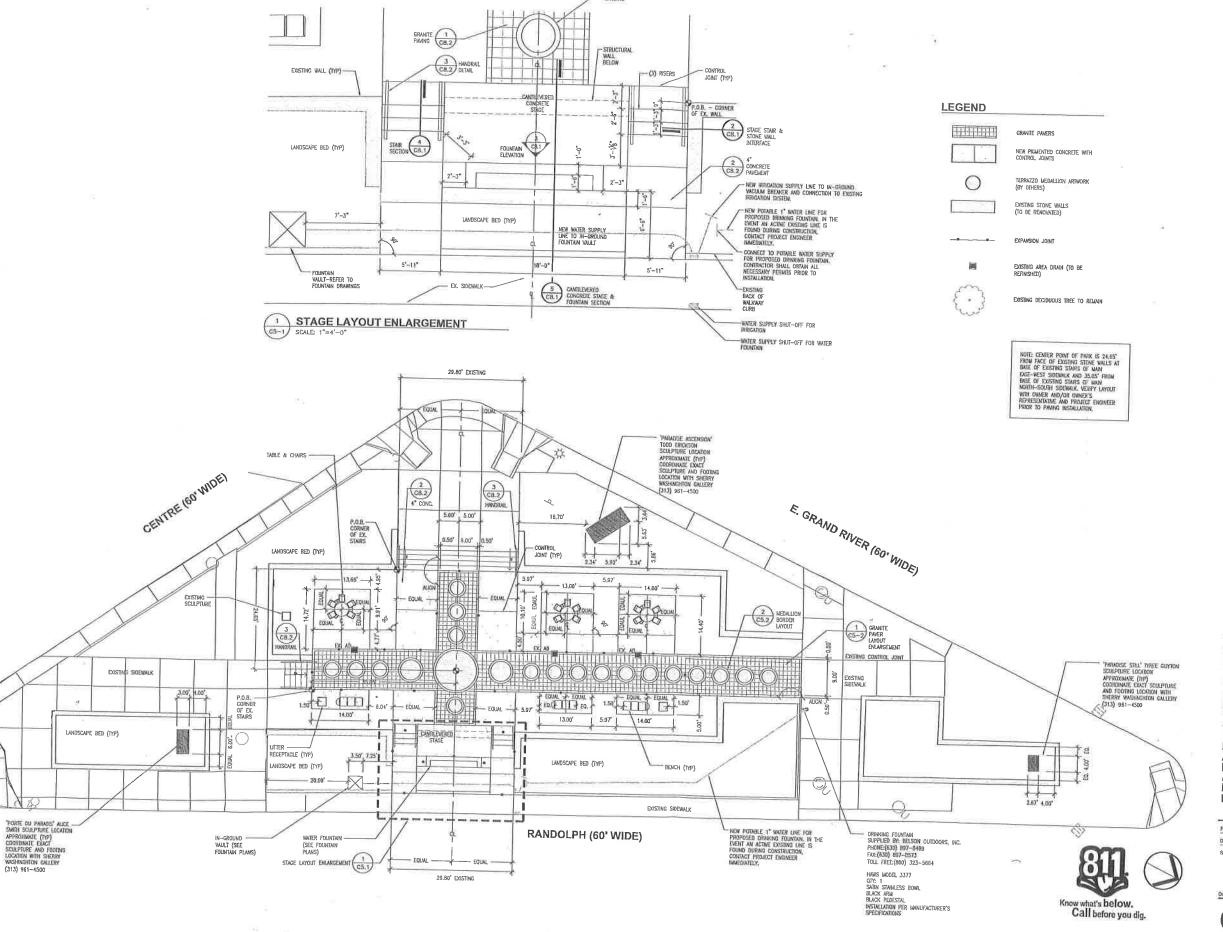












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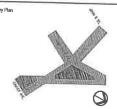
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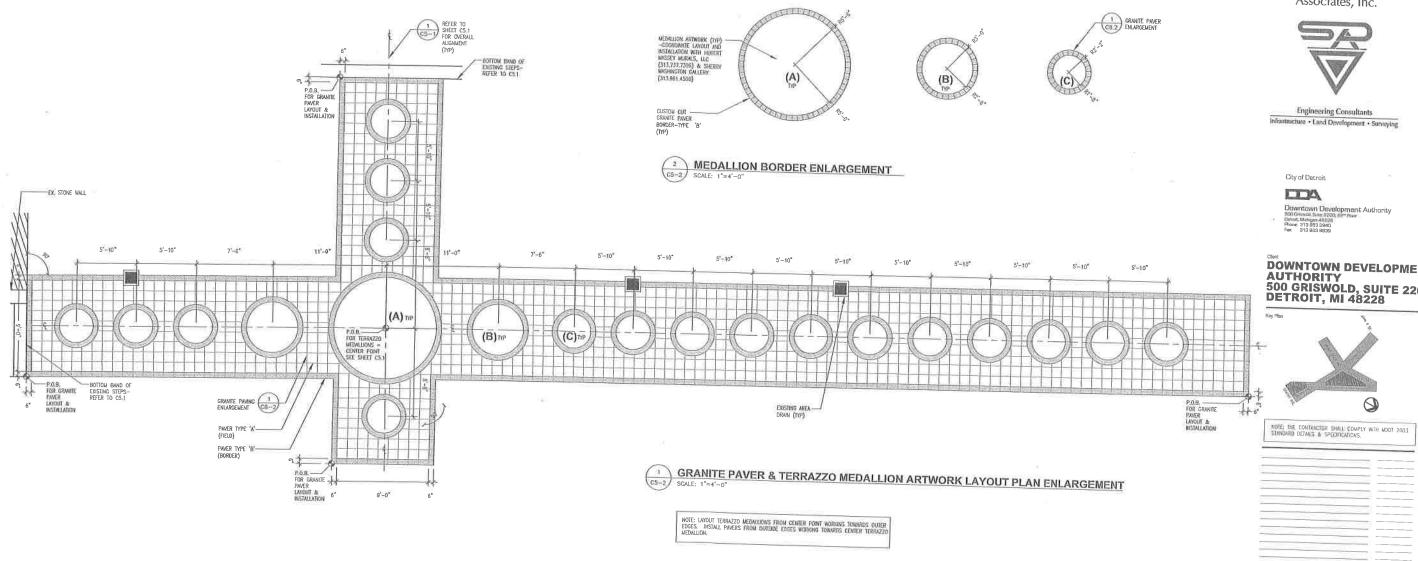
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PARADISE VALLEY STREETSCAPE AND OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - PHASE II

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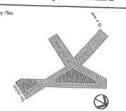


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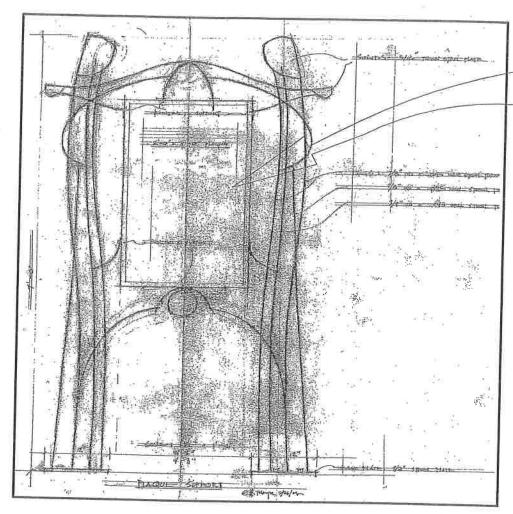
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PARK MARKER

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### Beatrice Buck's Paradise Valley Park

#### Beatrice M. Buck

28 January 1930 - 13 October 2007

Historian, activist, and playwright, Beatrice M. Buck made it her life's work to preserve the history and culture of the great Paradise Valley in Detroit, Michigan.

In Detroit's Paradise Valley, individuals, families, businesses, the arts, entertainment and culture thrived from the 1920s through the 1960s. Populated by African American residents and historical personalities, Paradise Valley was an exciting core of civic life featuring elegant, high-rise apartments, first-class hotels, stylish restaurants, live theater, popular nightclubs, fancy social clubs, and several sporting and recreational activities. It was an extraordinary American community perhaps only paralleled by the Harlem Renaissance. The legacy lives on in the progeny of those individuals who were a part of this historical society, people among us who embody the hopes, opportunities, visions, dreams, successes and leadership first created in "The Valley."

"Hold on to what you have, learn to appreciate what you have and take care of it." — Beatrice M. Buck

This beautiful park is dedicated in honor of Ms. Beatrice M.

Buck.

19 June 2009

PARK OPEN 7:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.



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