



ZAP 8: Starring Laughlin in Zapped by the River

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Call to Artists

Artists are invited to submit their qualifications to paint utility boxes in Laughlin, NV. The project is a sequel to Zap¹, the 2005 project in the Winchester neighborhood; Zap² in the Paradise Park neighborhood in 2008; Zap³ in the Historic West Las Vegas neighborhood in 2010; Zap⁴ in the Cambridge neighborhood in 2011; Zap⁵ at Desert Breeze Park in 2013; Zap⁶ at the Whitney and Parkdale neighborhoods in 2014; and Zap⁷ along Maryland Parkway in 2015.

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Sixteen (16) artists will be chosen by an independent review panel comprised of Laughlin residents, artists, art educators, and arts administrators; each artist will paint a group of utility boxes in Laughlin, NV sometime in March 2016. Boxes will be assigned by the county to the selected artists.

ELIGIBILITY:

This project is open only to artists over the age of 18 who reside in Clark County, Nevada, who did not participate in Zap⁷ along Maryland parkway in 2015 and are not part-time or full-time Clark County employees. Artists selected **must** be available to attend an open community

meeting in Laughlin at a date to be determined, as well as the reception for Zap 8 in Laughlin at a date to be determined. The selected artists will be required to provide their Social Security number or Federal Tax ID Number.

SELECTION:

A jury will choose sixteen (16) artists. Selection criteria will include demonstrated artistic excellence, experience with similar projects, and a demonstrated ability to complete the paintings on the boxes within thirty (30) business days.

PROJECT BUDGET:

Each artist selected will be paid \$2,500 and no other fees or expenses in two payments: \$1,500 upon approval of final drawings, and \$1,000 upon satisfactory completion of the work. Artists will provide their own paint and supplies, while Clark County will provide graffiti coating and an instructional lesson on application of the graffiti coating. Artists will apply the anti-graffiti coating to the utility boxes once they have completed their art. For artists that do not reside in Laughlin, NV and will need to travel, a travel stipend in the amount of \$300 will be provided.

SUBMISSION:

Qualified artists will need to submit the following to be considered -

- 1.) Application Form (below)
- 2.) A current resume
- 3.) Seven (7) digital images of their work. Images must be at least 72 dpi, maximum 200 dpi, maximum file dimensions 8" x 10" as jpg files. Images must be numbered from 1 to 7, and a corresponding numbered list must be provided for each image with: artist's name, title, dimensions, media, and year of completion. *All Application materials will need to be submitted digitally via a file transfer service such as Dropbox, We Transfer, or other form of compressed file transfer. No hard copies, discs, or USB drives please. Please do not submit more than seven (7) images. Please do not submit proposals, this is a call for qualifications, not proposals.*

Once artists are chosen, they will:

- 1.) Develop a proposal.
- 2.) Get feedback on the proposal from the community, and apply it somehow to their designs.
- 3.) Paint the boxes.

The artwork must relate to the present, past or future of Laughlin, and may be expressed naturally, realistically or abstractly.

Zap is conceived as a neighborhood project, and artists will be expected to consider in their creative process comments from neighborhood residents and businesses at a community meeting. The chosen artists will be introduced to the community at a public meeting. The meeting is **mandatory** for the selected artists. Residents will be offered the opportunity to discuss their neighborhood and what public art might be appropriate to it. Artists are encouraged to bring

their ideas. **If a selected artist fails to attend the meeting, the artist's contract may be withdrawn**, at the discretion of the Zap jury. Completed drawings will be displayed for public viewing, and comments will be solicited from residents. Drawings will be subject to the approval of the box owners and the jury. In the event either jury or owners reject a drawing, the artist will have the opportunity to modify the piece to meet objections. If agreement on a piece cannot be reached, the artist shall not paint the piece, and the project contract with that artist shall be withdrawn.

Upon selection each artist must supply her or his Federal Tax ID, which is necessary for payment.

The **deadline** for submissions is 5:00 p.m. **Friday, December 11, 2015**. For more information, call Michael Ogilvie at 702-455-8685 or mso@clarkcountynv.gov.

Artist Application For The Zap⁸! Project

Artist name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Checklist:

This form, completed

(7) images, numbered, with a corresponding list including artist(s) name(s), titles, dimensions, media, year of completion and brief description.

Artist resume

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION AND MATERIALS VIA A DROPBOX LINK www.dropbox.com or WE TRANSFER LINK www.wetransfer.com OR OTHER FILE TRANSFER SERVICE BY **5:00 PM Friday, December 11, 2015:**

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If an applicant does not have a computer, please visit a Clark County library to utilize the free public computers.