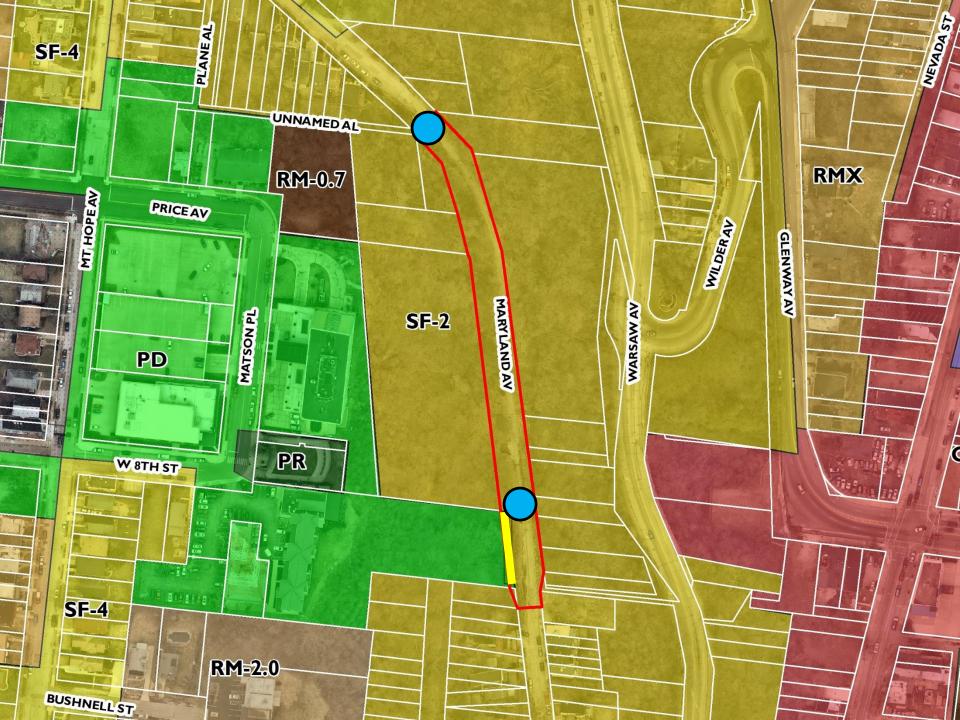


Notwithstanding Ordinance for the installation of a mural and artwork on Maryland Avenue in East Price Hill and Lower Price Hill Economic Growth and Zoning Committee anuary 5, 2021



### Background

- November 2019 City Council accepted donation from Devou Good Project for improvements to portion of Maryland Avenue – known as "Incline Run"
- Price Hill Will requests a Notwithstanding Ordinance (NWO) to further enhance this area
  - Installation of a 702 sq. ft. mural
  - Installation of a pair of sculpture arches



# **Existing Retaining Wall**





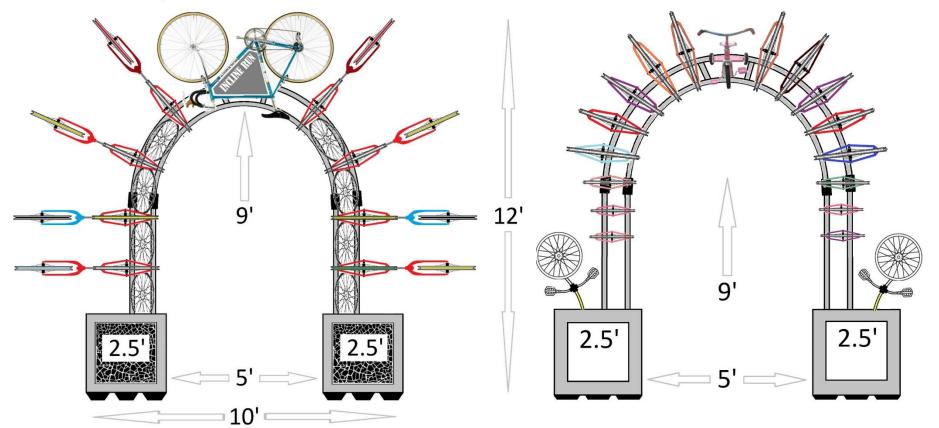
## **Examples of Mural**





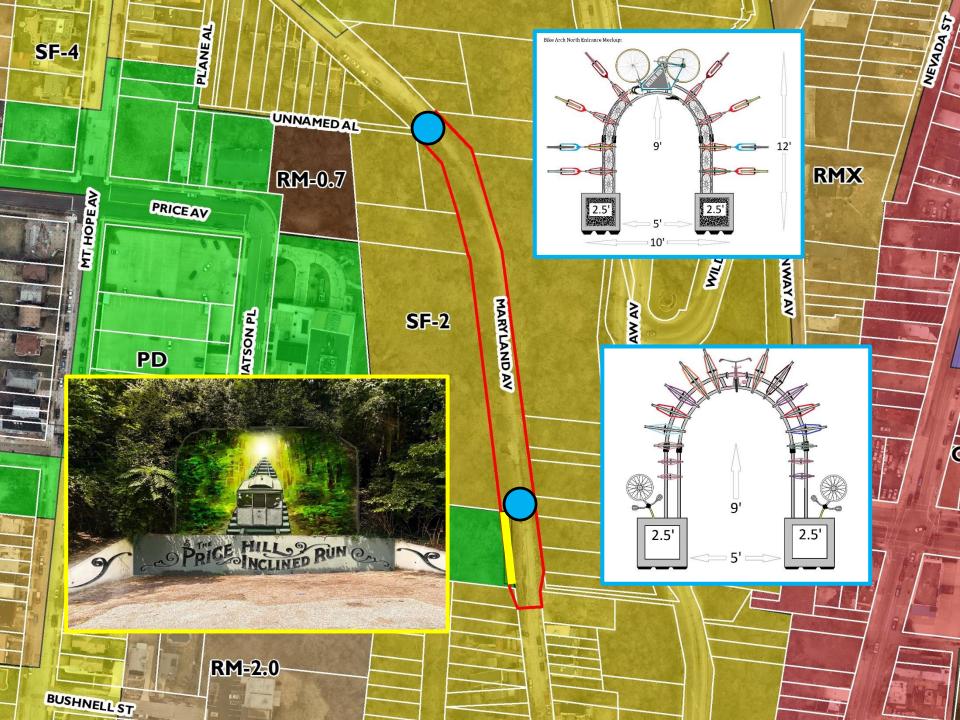
## **Proposed Sculpture Arches**

Bike Arch North Entrance Mockup:









#### Notwithstanding Ordinance – Analysis

#### Cincinnati Municipal Code – Sec. 111-5

- Whether the proposed application will not have an adverse effect on the character of the area or the public health, safety and welfare;
- Whether the proposed application is consistent with the purposes of this code and the zoning district where the subject property is located including but not limited to:
  - (see staff report for details)



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#### **Consistency** with Plans

### Price Hill Plan (2015) Arts and Culture Theme Area Goal: Price Hill is an arts destination Action Step: Support community art...in Lower, East, and West Price Hill.

**Transportation Theme Area** 

Goal: Price Hill develops into a place that is attractive to residents and customers who want to travel without the use of a vehicleAction Step: Develop the former site of the incline into a pedestrian connection



### **Consistency** with Plans

Plan Cincinnati (2012) **Connect Initiative Area Goal:** Develop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood vitality Strategy: Expand options for non-automotive travel Live Initiative Area **Goal:** Create a more livable community Strategy: Become more walkable



## Conclusion

- The mural installation celebrates the history of the Price Hill Incline and the sculpture arches instill the pedestrian environment of Maryland Avenue
- Consistent with Plan Cincinnati (2012) and the Price Hill Plan (2015)
- Notice was sent to all adjacent property owners and the Lower Price Hill and East Price Hill Community Councils on October 10, 2020
  - One letter has been received to date adjacent property owner



## **City Planning Commission Recommendation**

The City Planning Commission unanimously recommends that City Council approve the requested Notwithstanding Ordinance permitting the installation of a mural and artwork in City-owned right-of-way along a portion of Maryland Avenue with the following conditions included:

- That the City-owned right-of-way of Maryland Avenue where the mural and sculpture installations are proposed is not a vehicular use right-of-way and is to be used as a pedestrian right-of-way providing access between Lower Price Hill and East Price Hill; and
- 2. That the mural and sculpture installations be placed in specific locations as listed by the applicant in Exhibit B and as reviewed and approved by the appropriate City departments; and



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## **City Planning Commission Recommendation**

- 3. That the mural and sculpture installation designs adhere to the example illustrations as provided by the applicant in Exhibit B; and
- 4. The petitioner shall coordinate with the City regarding the donation of the mural and sculpture arches in the right of way including a contract with the City in a similar form as the City of Cincinnati Artwork Donation Agreement (Exhibit C); and
- 5. All artists involved in the creation and installation of the artwork shall provide the City with a Waiver of Rights pursuant to the Visual Artists Rights Act (Exhibit D).



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