Would there be any insight or feedback to this year’s installation for this past winter? What worked? What didn’t?

It was incredible to see what Ross Miller, Yolanda He Yang, and Tim Kadish were able to do with such a short time window. Please read more about their wonderful installation here!

One of the many ways last year’s quick deadline was met was due to their creativity and collaboration with community partners. Though not initially looking at this project through a community lens, The Conservancy was excited about the opportunities this particular project created.

Needless to say, the short timeline was our biggest learning opportunity. We are excited to see what this year brings!

Are we able to select an area that we feel would work best with our proposal? Do you have a selection of artists that you are planning to work with?

We are looking for experimentation of design for this year’s winter light activation and would like to highlight the parcels listed in the RFP. Selecting parcels to highlight is at the artist’s discretion. We have placed the RFP on social media as well as sent the call out to the responders and interested parties from last year.

Just to check, the overall budget is $150,000. Is this the total amount to include artwork, power, ground works, shipping, install/de-install team flights, accommodation and per diem?

Yes, $150,000 is the all inclusive budget number. As noted in Exhibit A, the parcels have outlets, but power connectivity is in the hands of the artist.

Do you have architectural drawings of the structures on plots 8 and 10? Top/plan view as well as a front elevation and/or section of each would be great.

Also, I stopped by tonight to look at them and it looked like there were no lights on for the structures on plot 8, is that intentional?

I looked at the power diagram for these two plots. I noticed that there were what looked to be larger power boxes available on site, do you know if we were to have an electrician come in more power would be available?

To answer your question about P8, I cannot answer what the parcel looked like this weekend, but there are 12 2 120v outlets that are available.
The electrical box on the sidewalk is not ours, if that was what you were interested in pulling from. In speaking to my colleague, we would like more information about your power question. Please send an email if you would like additional maps with more detail.

I read through the call and the below paragraph stood out to me. Can you provide additional clarification on the italicized line and this paragraph in general?

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Thank you for your question and for bringing this paragraph to our attention. In reviewing again, this was old language and we have updated it with our current best practices. Please see the paragraph below; the updated RFP can be found here.

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During the parcel walkthrough, the Chin Park Lighting came up. A participant asked for specs for the upcoming canary lighting project. A question was raised about the date of closure of the beer garden, which is mid October, but could possibly extend to the beginning November if it is still nice out. Questions were raised in regards to power and sourcing; there are 20A and 120V outlets in many places and on most parcels. Performance panels can be found in Chin Park. P17 and P10. Performance Panels have 220V power available using cam-lock connections. Please send an email if you would like maps that will highlight more information.