



COUNCIL MINUTES

November 9, 2023

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session in the lower-level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on November 9, 2023, at 7:31 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

John Giles
Francisco Heredia
Jennifer Duff
Mark Freeman*
Scott Somers*
Julie Spilsbury

COUNCIL ABSENT

Alicia Goforth

OFFICERS PRESENT

Scott Butler
Holly Moseley
Jim Smith

(*Participated in the meeting through the use of video conference equipment.)

Mayor Giles conducted a roll call.

Mayor Giles excused Councilmember Goforth from the entire meeting.

1-a. Hear a presentation and discuss proposed changes to the City's utility private line agreement buy-in program.

Development Services Department Director Nana Appiah introduced Development Services Deputy Director Beth Hughes-Ornelas, Assistant City Attorney Adam Schwartz, and displayed a PowerPoint presentation. **(See Attachment 1)**

Mr. Appiah commented that the City's Utility Buy-In Program is being updated based on discussions with the Development Community to streamline the development review process. (See Page 2 of Attachment 1)

Mr. Appiah explained the Utility Buy-In Program process when there is a proposed development that needs to extend the water or sewer line to their site, which is based on the unit cost multiplied by the linear footage in front of the owner's property. He shared some of the challenges when a service line is not connected to the main line. (See Page 3 of Attachment 1)

Mr. Appiah reviewed the proposed updates to the Buy-In Program, as well as the solutions to capture the construction and administrative costs. (See Pages 4 of Attachment 1)

Mr. Appiah explained the update to the per linear foot buy-in, which specifies that if a parcel is acquired and an extension is built to the edge of the property, regardless of whether a connection is made to a service line or main line, the cost of per linear foot is still required. (See Page 5 of Attachment 1)

In response to a question from Mayor Giles, City Manager Christopher Brady commented that updates to the buy-in are intended to prevent developers from avoiding connections to the main line by connecting to a service line or looping around it, thus avoiding the per linear foot cost.

In response to multiple questions posed by Mayor Giles, Ms. Hughes-Ornelas stated that the City is proposing to extend the 10-year term to a 15-year term to ensure that reimbursements are returned to either the developer or the owner. She added the City will have an agreement with the developer or owner at the time the parcel is developed and will request receipts for the exact costs of construction for reimbursement. She noted that if a developer sells a property after a year of ownership, the developer who expended the costs is still entitled to reimbursement.

Mr. Appiah discussed the service area buy-in option, which allows the developer to work with the City's Water Resources Department and establishes a service area that will be served by a water or sewer main. He advised the calculation of the cost is based on the size of the developer's lot multiplied by their unit cost that is established with a connection. He mentioned that the administrative fee is 0.5%. (See Pages 6 and 7 of Attachment 1)

Mr. Schwartz compared surrounding municipality programs which will ensure consistency within the region. (See Page 8 of Attachment 1)

Mr. Appiah reviewed the recommendation and mentioned the introduction will be brought to Council on November 20, 2023. (See Page 9 of Attachment 1)

In response to a question from Councilmember Spilsbury, Mr. Appiah said that a service area is determined by assessing all the possible developments that will be connecting to a line and submitting a report to the City's Water Resources Department for review to establish the service area.

Ms. Hughes-Ornelas added the utility buy-in fee is collected when a permit is acquired. She noted that developers are advised of the buy-in fee during the planning process and again at the time the permit is issued. She explained that the cost for a service buy-in is determined by the cost of construction of the sewer or water line, verified through receipts and documentation, then the unit cost is divided by the acreage.

Mayor Giles thanked staff for their presentation.

1-b. Hear a presentation, discuss, and provide direction on park upgrades to the Fire Fighters Memorial Park located north of Fire Station 201.

Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Director Andrea Moore introduced Deputy Director Brandon Erno, Assistant City Engineer Marc Ahlstrom, and displayed a PowerPoint presentation. **(See Attachment 2)**

Ms. Moore provided an overview of Phase 1 of the Fire Fighters Memorial Park project and the estimated construction costs. She discussed the park improvements and stated that \$200,000 is being raised through private efforts for the memorial components for fallen fire fighters. (See Page 2 of Attachment 2)

Mr. Brady explained that the Fire Fighters Memorial Park was not in the 2018 Park Bond and is taking the place of the Harris Basin playground that will not be moving forward.

Ms. Moore outlined the estimated construction schedule and highlighted the community partners that are associated with the fundraising efforts. She shared images of the current and proposed vision of the park that includes a memorial wall and seating. (See Pages 3 through 8 of Attachment 2)

Ms. Moore stated that Phase 2 is not currently funded. She reviewed the concept of updating the park components and adding memorial components with pavement engravings that feature fire fighter values. (See Page 9 of Attachment 2)

Ms. Moore reported construction is expected to begin the summer of 2024. She added the goal is to have the fundraising finished to complete the park and memorial improvements at the same time.

Discussion ensued regarding the layout of the park, as well as the funding sources and timeline of the project.

Councilmember Duff commented that the park is underutilized and by providing a purpose, there will be a draw from the community to show respect to those who have lost their lives in the line of service.

Mayor Giles thanked staff for their presentation.

1-c. Hear a presentation, discuss, and receive an update on the Together Mesa Art in the Park upcoming events and community art.

Director of Diversity and Engagement Andrea Alicoate displayed a PowerPoint presentation. **(See Attachment 3)**

Ms. Alicoate acknowledged the Citywide effort to support the Together Mesa diversity initiative. She advised Council that the intention is to bring arts and creative elements directly into neighborhoods, bring awareness to different cultures, celebrate the community through artistic elements, and select a featured artist to display their art piece at the City Hall grand opening. She mentioned the collaboration between staff, the Museum and Cultural Advisory Board, and the Human Relations Advisory Board. (See Page 2 of Attachment 3)

Ms. Alicoate pointed out there will be a series of six community events with different cultural themes that tie into the unique cultural element of the neighborhood, as well as live music and engagement activities. (See Page 3 of Attachment 3)

Ms. Alicoate announced the selected artist is Beth Nybeck, who is a nationally recognized artist. She described the large interactive sculpture entitled, "*Flip Side*," that will be placed in the lobby of the new City Hall. She added the sculpture is shaped like an M when viewing from above. She indicated one side of the tile will contain a black-and-white headshot and the other side will contain a handwritten message. (See Pages 4 through 6 of Attachment 3)

Ms. Alicoate explained that the community engagement will include three components: attract, reflect, and capture. She said the Art in the Park kickoff begins this evening and listed the program's schedule of events. (See Pages 7 and 8 of Attachment 3)

Responding to a question from Councilmember Duff, Ms. Alicoate anticipated approximately 700 tiles will be collected at each event and the artist will select 300 from those tiles that have demographic and district representation.

Mayor Giles thanked staff for their presentation.

2. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of various boards and committees.

2-a. Housing and Community Development Advisory Board meeting held on October 5, 2023.

It was moved by Councilmember Spilsbury, seconded by Vice Mayor Heredia, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be acknowledged.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles–Heredia–Duff–Freeman–Somers–Spilsbury

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Goforth

Mayor Giles declared the motion passed unanimously by those present.

3. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Mayor Giles and Councilmembers highlighted the events, meetings and conferences recently attended.

4. Scheduling of meetings.

Assistant City Manager Scott Butler stated that the schedule of meetings is as follows:

Thursday, November 20, 2023, 5:15 p.m. – Study Session

Thursday, November 20, 2023, 5:45 p.m. – Regular

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 8:36 a.m.



JOHN GILES, MAYOR

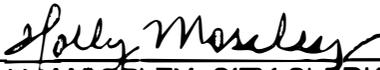
ATTEST:



HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK



I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Study Session of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 9th day of November 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK

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(Attachments – 3)



Updating the Utility Buy-In Program, Private Line Agreements

Nana Appiah, AICP, PhD
Development Services Dept Director

Beth Hughes-Ornelas
Deputy Director Development Services

Adam Schwartz
Assistant City Attorney I

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Purpose

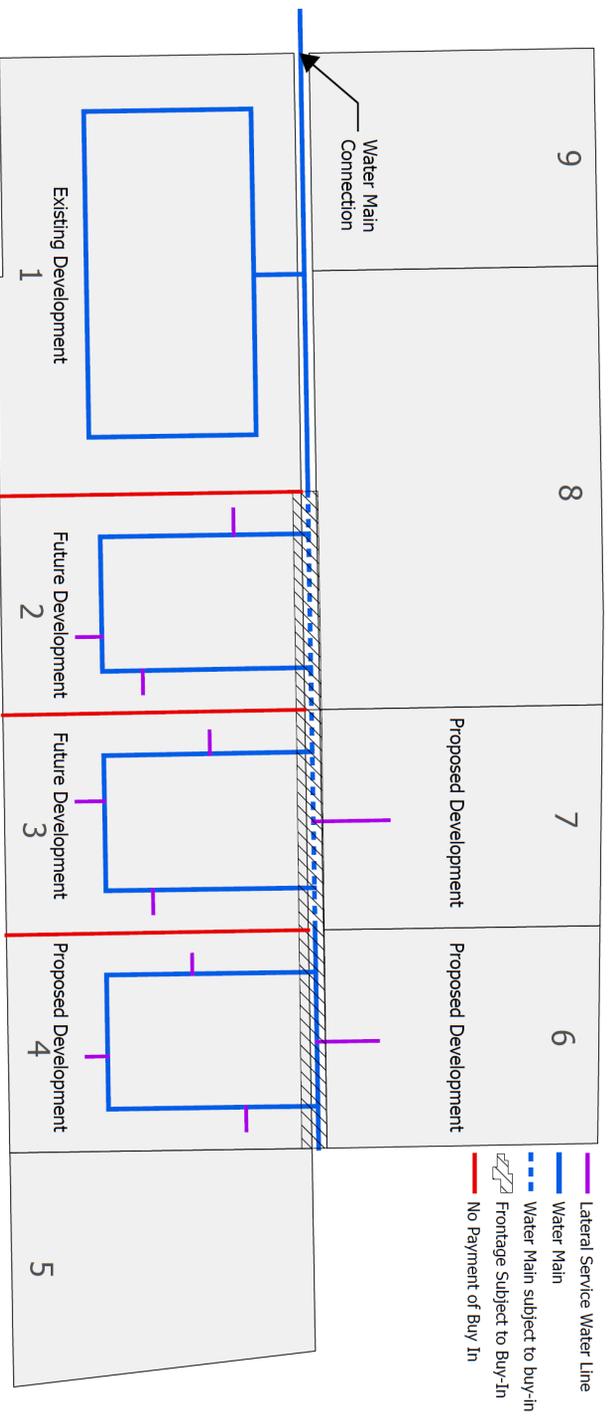
- Responding to Development Communities request
 - Propose changes to Utility Buy In Program, Private Line Agreements
 - Assist Developers pay their fair share of public infrastructure
- Providing efficient infrastructure expansion of City of Mesa utility systems



Current Utility Buy In Program, Private Line Agreements

- Since 1991
- Over 100 Agreements (six currently active)
- 10 Year Term
- Collected when service connection was made

Current Buy-In





Proposed Changes

- Two Utility Buy In Program, Private Line Agreement types available:
 1. Buy In per Linear Foot - collected from properties adjacent to utility line
 2. Buy In by Service Area (SF/Acreage) available for mains on Arterial and/or Collector roads – collected from properties identified within the designated service area for the utility line
- 15 Year term
- Program fee of 0.5% shall be deducted from reimbursement amounts collected to cover City's administrative costs



Updated Per Linear Foot Buy-In

Applicability

- ✓ Adjacent benefitting properties assessed when they develop
- ✓ Frontage LF (Linear Foot) x Buy-In unit cost per LF based on actual cost

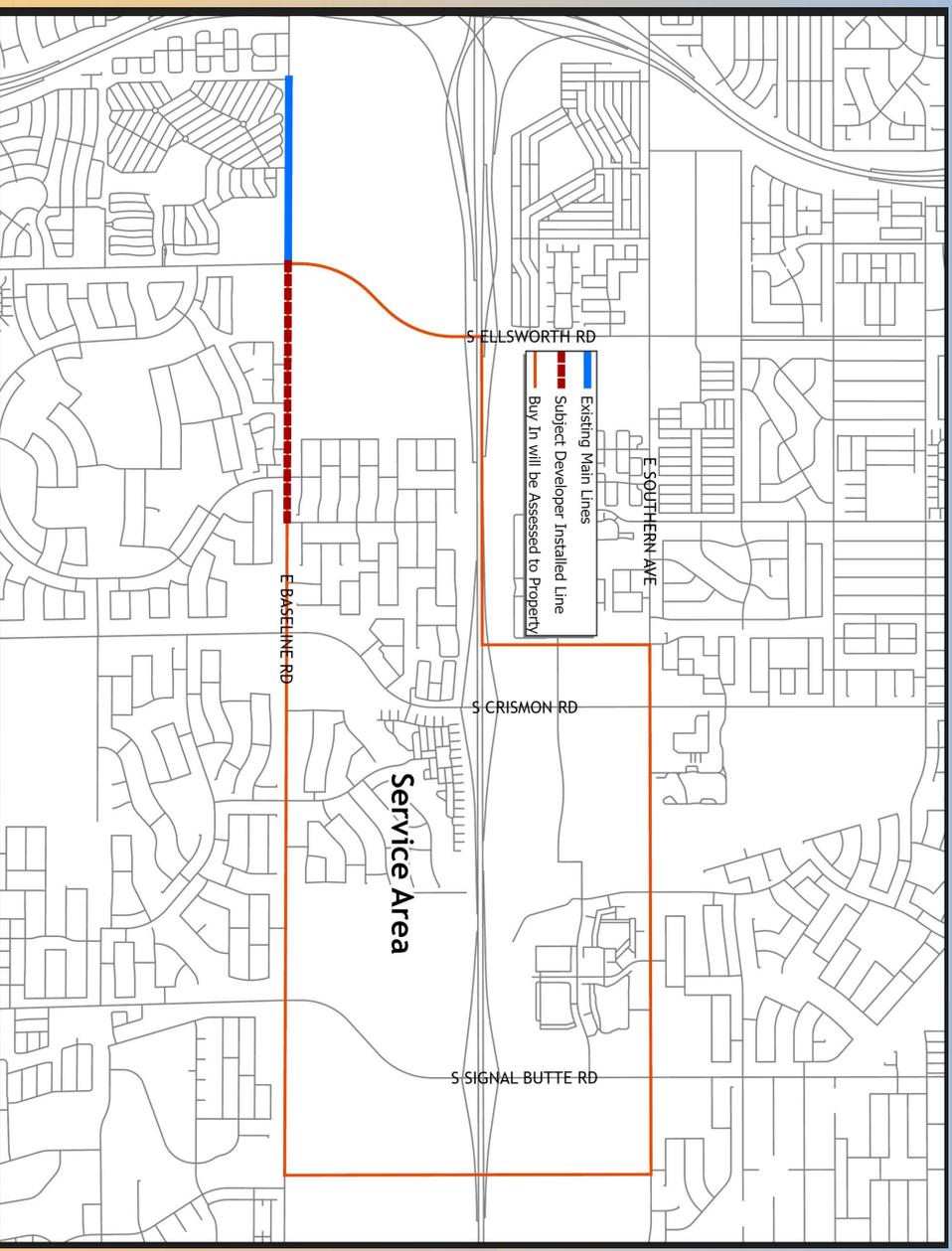




Service Area Buy-In

Applicability

- ✓ Line installed on Arterial and/or Collector Streets
- ✓ Benefitted properties beyond lines frontage are identified as within the Buy-In Service Area
- ✓ Water and/or Sewer reports submitted for Water Resources review/approval at developer's expense
- ✓ Acreage x Buy-In unit cost per Acre based on actual cost





Administrative Fee

- ✓ Retaining 0.5% of total cost for administration
 - ✓ Collected at the time of subsequent developers' contributions
- ✓ Help facilitate efficient cost sharing process



Surrounding Cities Comparison

Phoenix

- Service Area or lot frontage (cost per linear foot) for water
- Service Area for sewer lines

Gilbert

- Lot frontage for oversized water lines (cost per liner foot)
- Service area for oversized sewer lines

Queen Creek

- Lot frontage for water lines (cost per linear foot)
- Service area for sewer lines



Recommendation

- ✓ Establishment of a standardized framework for developers and the City of Mesa
- ✓ Equitable cost-sharing among stakeholders
- ✓ Support efficient infrastructure expansion for the City of Mesa

PARK RENOVATIONS FOR THE FIRE FIGHTERS MEMORIAL PARK

Andrea Moore – Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Director

Brandon Erno – PRCF Deputy Director

Marc Ahlstrom – Assistant City Engineer

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PROJECT OVERVIEW PHASE I

Project Location



Park Components

- Brick paver replacement
- Lighting update
- Installation of seat walls
- Installation of flag poles

Memorial Components

- Maltese Cross
- Donation Pavers
- Bronze memorial plaques
- New monolith pilaster

Estimated Construction Costs

- Parks General Obligation Bond 2018 \$280,000
- Fundraising Goal \$200,000
- Total \$480,000



ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

- Winter 2023 – Begin Fundraising
- Spring 2024 – Complete Design
- Summer 2024 – Complete Fundraising
- Summer 2024 – Begin Construction
- Winter 2024 – Complete Construction

Project Location



\$200,000 FUNDRAISING CONCEPTS

Community Partners

- Mesa Chamber
- Mesa Public Safety Foundation
- United Mesa Fire Fighters Association
- CORE Construction
- Perlman Architects

Fundraising Campaign

- Buy A Brick
- Benches
- Challenge Coin
- T-Shirts
- Community Donors

Campaign Kick Off

- Winter 2023



CURRENT PARK FEATURES



Proposed Fire Fighters Memorial



Eye Level



Birds Eye View



PHASE II CONCEPT

Components

- Paver replacement
- Lighting update
- Installation of seat walls
- Installation of pedestals
- Decorative concrete lettering

Memorial Components

- Engraved pavers with meaningful dates and events
- Art/Statue at center of smaller monument
- Art pedestal update
- Relocation of existing art statues

Estimated Construction Costs

• Park Improvements	\$260,000
• Memorial	\$230,000
• Total	\$480,000





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Questions?

GET TOGETHER IN THE PROCESS

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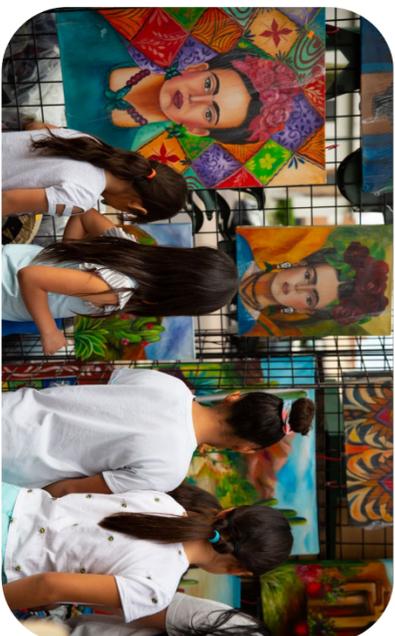
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ANDREA ALICOATE, Director of Diversity & Engagement



VISION

Bringing Arts into Mesa Neighborhoods



01

Visibility

Increase awareness about diverse cultures and celebrate our community through the arts



02

Featured Artist to Coordinate Engagement

Design and implement a community-based, participatory temporary public art project to be unveiled during the City Hall Grand Opening



03

Other Art Based Engagement

Strengthen community engagement and promote inclusive access to the arts



ENGAGEMENT

Community Events

Six community events, one in each Council District, located within neighborhood parks.



Live Music Performances



Arts & Crafts

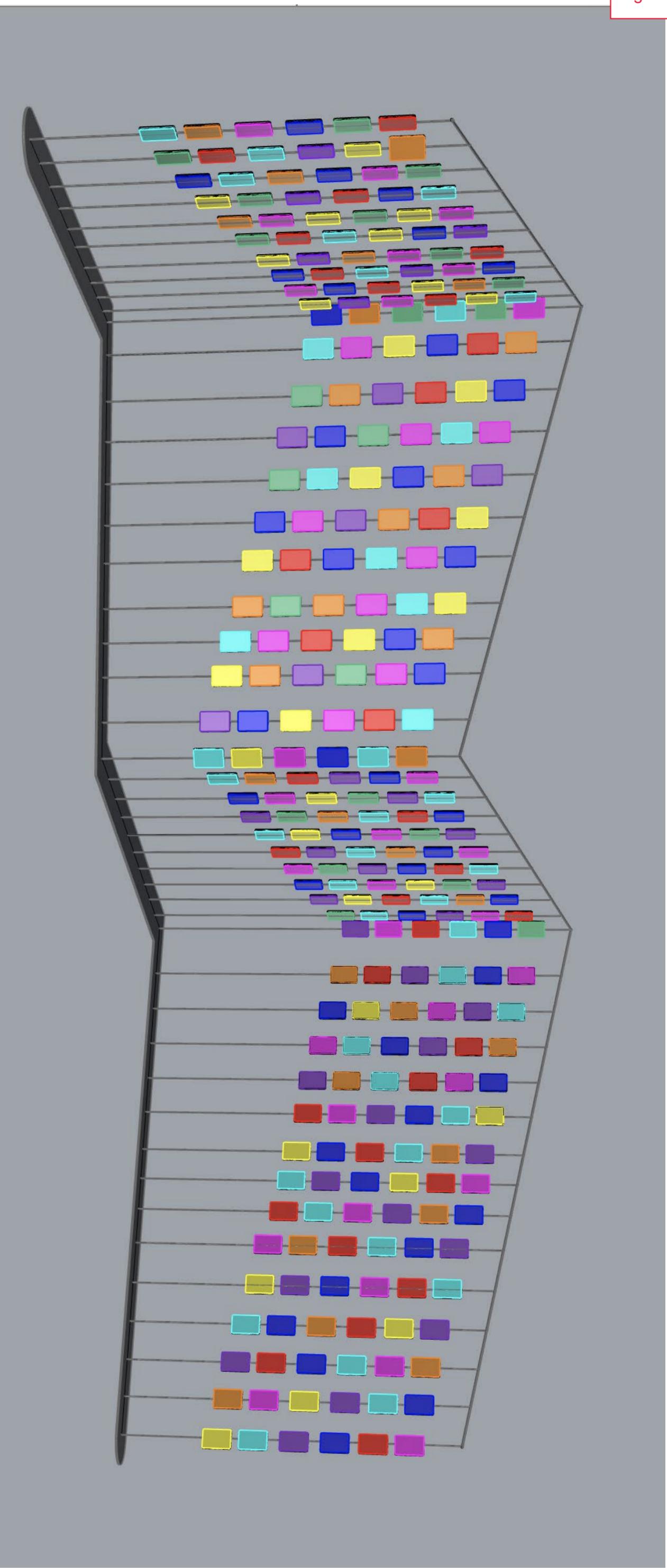


Food Trucks

Family Fun!

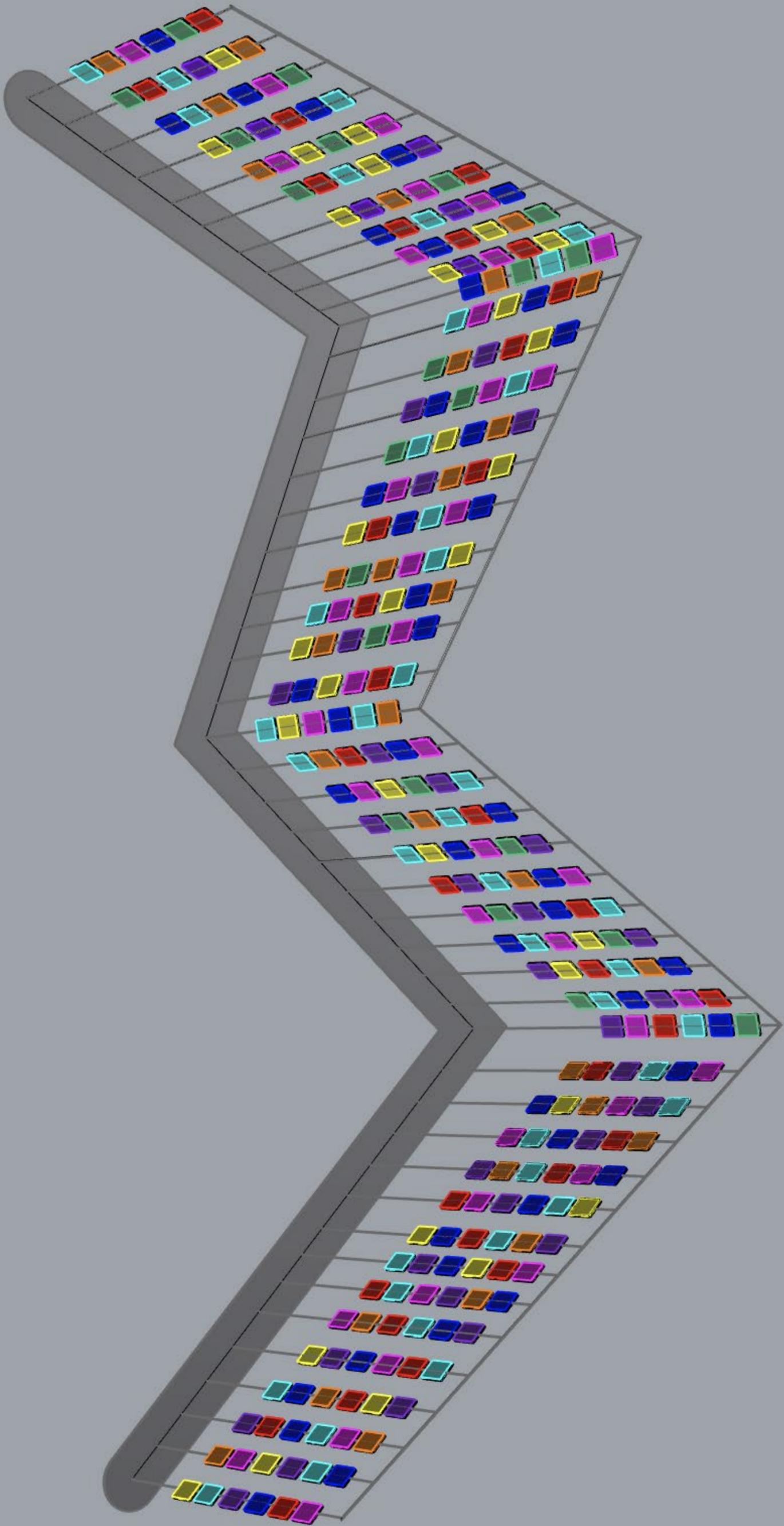


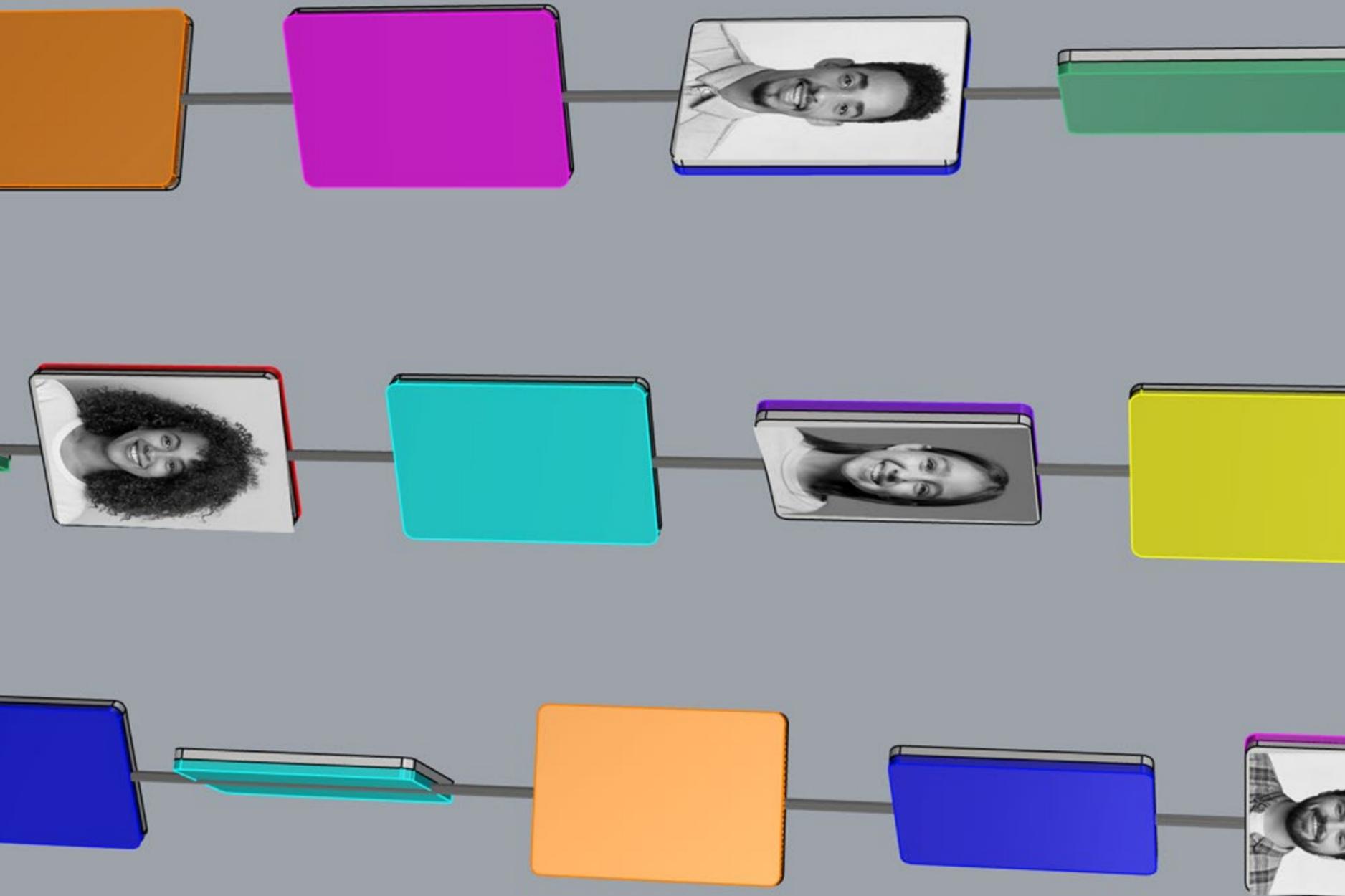
Selected Artist: Beth Nybeck



Project “Flip Side”: The sculpture will be an interactive wall that makes its way through the lobby space.

When viewing the sculpture from above, it creates the letter “M”. The wall is made up of over three hundred colorful acrylic tiles mounted on a stainless-steel rod that runs from the floor up to the top of the sculpture.





Each tile has a front and a back. The front of the tile will display a black-and-white photograph of a person from Mesa's community.

The back of the tile will be brightly colored and contain a handwritten message on the surface.

The stainless-steel rod will run through the tile, allowing the viewers to spin the tiles from front to back.

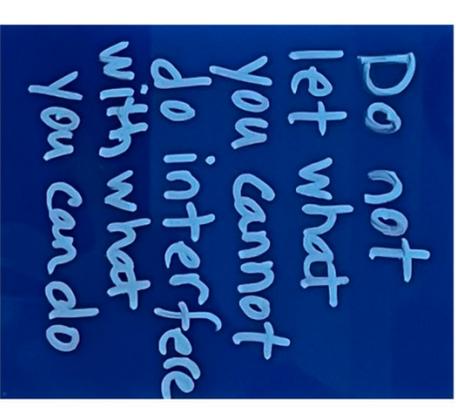
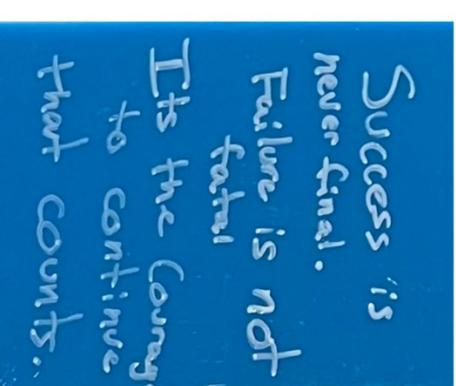
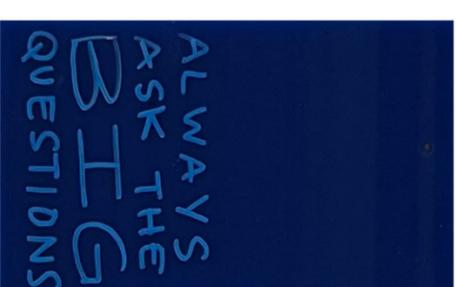
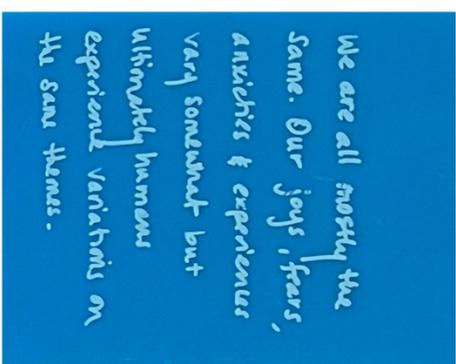
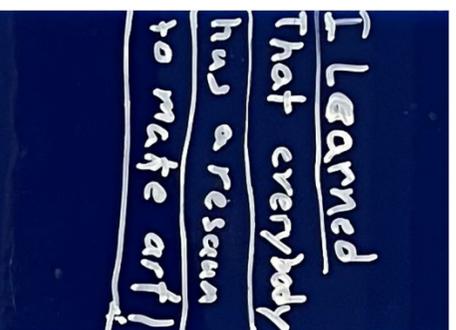
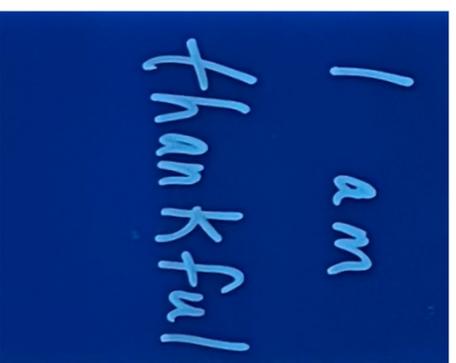
Artist Community Engagement at Events

The Artist engagement space will have three components: an attract, a reflect, and a capture.

Attract: There will be a mini-mock-up of the final sculpture to excite and engage the community in the process, and better visualize what they are being invited to be a part of.

Reflect: Invite people to a table where they can pick a colored tile and a paint pen. They will be asked to respond to the prompt: *What is your strength?* OR *What parts of your character are you most proud of?*
For kids, gearing the conversation to: *What is something you can do that makes you proud or happy?*
OR *What is something you are good at?*

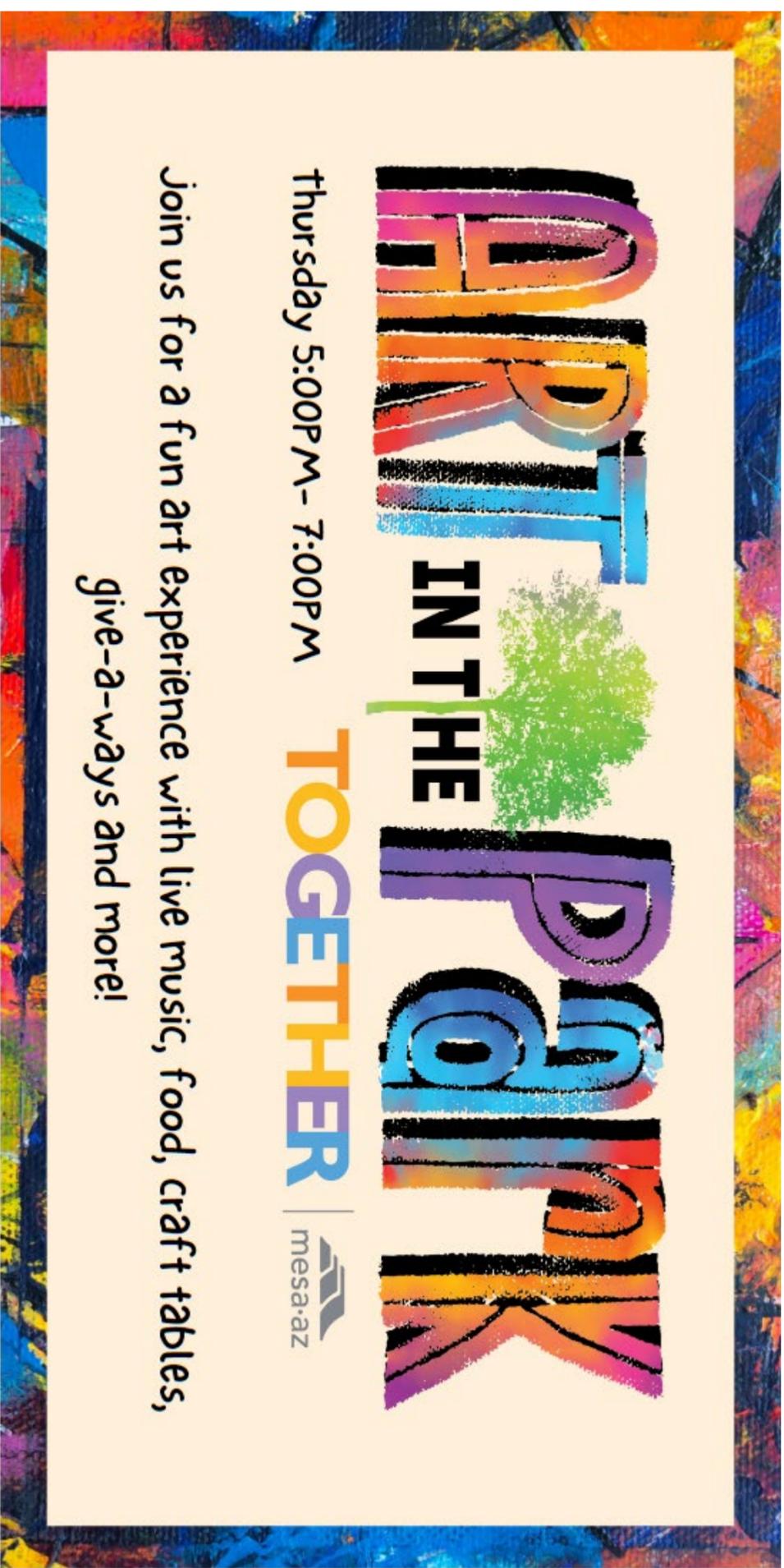
Capture: After filling out a tile, they will have their photograph taken with their tile. Artist is working with a local photographer to shoot all the images.



PROGRAM

Event

Schedule



Questions or Comments?

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