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### **Hailey Arts Commission Awarded Public Art Grant from the Idaho Commission on the Arts**

(Hailey, Idaho) – The Hailey Arts Commission, the Hailey Parks & Lands Board and the City of Hailey have been awarded a \$5,425.00 grant by the Idaho Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts for public art at the new Woodside Park. The *Art for Public Places* grant program is an initiative designed to identify and support public art projects in Idaho.

The Hailey Arts Commission envisions the piece as an entryway to the Woodside Park. The entryway would celebrate the building of a stronger community and promote environmental stewardship. The project budget is \$8,305.00, with an additional \$2,909.00 of anticipated in-kind contributions.

The Hailey Arts Commission will issue a Call for Artists throughout Blaine County in January 2007. A request for qualifications, rather than proposals, will allow artists to dialogue with the community during the design process, and to have a full briefing and understanding of the creation and vision of the park by the Parks & Lands Board. Public workshops would occur in March, followed by design throughout April and May, and fabrication and installation during July and August 2007. A project celebration will be held upon completion of the project.

The Hailey Arts Commission will work in close partnership with the Hailey Parks & Lands Board and the City of Hailey throughout the project. Karen Bubb, Public Arts Manager for the Boise City Arts Commission, will consult in the early stages of the project to assist in creating a sound process and working templates not only for this project but also for the future.

The Hailey Arts Commission was established to ensure the arts are an integral part of Hailey's community fabric. Current commission members include Mark Johnstone and Denise Simone. Councilwoman Carol Brown is the City Council liaison to the commission. The Woodside Park public art piece is the commission's inaugural project.

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