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Rationales

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Community engagement through the arts can help a community define a public space that will encourage utilization and create vibrant neighborhoods.

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Phase II - start 07/15

All Team Members

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Community engaged in telling new stories about their neighborhood

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