



Mural Project: Welcome to Anthony

Location: the aluminum round-top barn owned by Joel & Amy Walker at the North end of Anthony (located on the West side of K-2, just north of the Napa Auto Parts store, and just south of the lake to the Anthony Lake)

Proposed Project: Dr. Walker had the idea several years ago to put a mural on the side of this round-top barn, replacing the bank advertising that had been there for years with something that provided a more pleasing entrance to Anthony. She envisioned using one of the pieces created by artist Gavin Snider, who designed the mural on the JMac building (he originally created 3 designs for the community to vote on, and this one was a close second to the one that ultimately won and was installed). The original artwork is below. Dr. Walker asked the Arts Center to work on this project, hoping to invest a small amount (not to exceed \$2000) that would include adding some wording about sponsorship. In 2023, the Arts Center received a grant through the KS Dept of Commerce: Office of Rural Prosperity for the remaining funding of this mural (and several others than have been completed).

Current Situation:

- The artwork is ready, after some adjustments to account for different dimensions.
- The printer/installer has been arranged (the bid of which is attached).
- The funding for the project is complete (minus the \$2000 from Dr. Walker).
- The round-top barn no longer falls under KDOT specifications for a commercial ad space (this piece falls under that category because of the additional wording that would be printed on it, denoting sponsorship of the project). Because the sign says 'Welcome to Anthony', it is classified as an official sign, and the KDOT permit must be held by the City of Anthony.
- Joel & Amy Walker are still excited about the project, and they are willing to continue the plan to use their structure for the mural installation. Dr. Walker did express that she was unsure about contributing financially to the project with these content changes.

The Arts Center is respectfully requesting the City of Anthony to assist us in the completion of this project. We are asking for the city to apply for the KDOT permit needed for this project and consider contributing financially with the remaining portion (\$2000). This would be a beautiful welcome to the North end of Anthony, where many community members and visitors would be greeted with this new piece of public art.

