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**To:** David L. Corliss  
**Subject:** RE: Final Fridays Mural Request

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**From:** Jane Pennington [mailto:director@downtownlawrence.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2010 1:32 PM  
**To:** David L. Corliss  
**Subject:** Final Fridays Mural Request

Hi Dave,

I would like to request a waiver of the normal permitting process so that Van Go Mobile Arts may create an interactive art project along with the public to help kick-off the inaugural Final Fridays activities. We have secured permission from Dr. Ranjbar to paint the plywood masking that is currently enclosing his building on Massachusetts Street. I understand that the normal process is for the designer to prepare a mock-up that is sent to the City Commission and then referred to the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission for a recommendation. Since we do not have the luxury of time and since this will be a very temporary situation (Ranjbar expects the masking to be removed by the end of August), I was hoping that you and the City Commission would be willing to waive the normal process and allow us to proceed.

Our thinking at this point is that we would have volunteers create, first an announcement that Final Fridays will begin August 27<sup>th</sup> and that the public is invited to create a mural from 5 pm to 8 pm next Friday. Then, we would paint over the announcement on Friday morning to create a clean canvas for the Van Go kids to engage the public in creating a mural during the Final Fridays event. We would, of course, protect the sidewalks from paint spills and ensure that the final product is not offensive in any way. As I mentioned, Dr. Ranjbar expects his crew to be finished very soon. If, for some reason, his plans are delayed, we could make arrangements to have the mural painted over if necessary.

We are all very excited about launching Final Fridays and appreciate all that you and your staff are doing to make it a success. Please let me know if you have any questions about this request. I will look forward to hearing from you.

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