

Mural adjacent to the City of Evans Park adds color, character.

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The City of Evans Park just got a bit more colorful.

A mural designed by Delilah Fiechter and painted by about 15 volunteers in coordination with the Colorado Health was undergoing its final touches Sunday afternoon on the side of a storage building at 40th Street and Golden Street.

Fiechter, who is a part of the Greeley Arts Association and normally paints only with watercolors, said she had helped out with a few interior murals at churches before, so she didn't hesitate much when asked to put this one together.

She said when she found out the mural would be at a park, she immediately knew she wanted to do an aquarium theme.

Her first two designs were rejected because the organizers wanted her to include more fish. Even though it's not what she originally planned, Fiechter said she's pleased with what's become her final copy.

"It reads really well from far away, and I think that's what every muralist wants," she said. "My inspiration was Walt Disney. The lady who was the artist — Mary Blair — had a bunch of brilliant colors."

Tanya Trujillo-Martinez was the organizer from the Colorado Health Coalition who helped put the event together. It is a part of the group's Make TODAY count initiative, which promotes community health, wellness and togetherness.

Trujillo-Martinez said the park was selected as the mural's destination due in part to the lack of attention that part of the city receives.

"Then they gave us a couple of locations to choose from," she said. "We chose this one because the older area of Evans has been forgotten, especially the neighborhood, so we've had several people come by and say how wonderful the mural is. They're really excited about it."

Because the building is city-owned, she said she had multiple meetings with city officials to go over the intricacies of the design. It was a lengthy process, she said.

To get from the first stages of planning to tomorrow — when Fiechter will write “Our diverse community all flows together in Evans” on the bottom — there was a lot of scrapped ideas and setbacks.

Even Saturday, when they started sketching the outline on the building and were set to paint, it began raining, which caused the little work they had done to run down the wall.

Even sketching the image was a challenge, Fiechter said.

“It was 22 pieces of paper on the wall. We had to draw it on with sharpie because we tried carpenters’ pencils and dark pencils, but they weren’t showing up,” she said. “So there were like 10 adults with sharpie all over ourselves.”



Mural artist Delilah Fiechter pitches in by painting a seahorse in the middle of her mural design. The angel fish to her left was originally supposed to be much larger, but she had to shrink it to add more fish and meet the city's suggestions.



Two volunteers add finishing touches to their fish on the left side of artist Delilah Fiechter's mural.



Volunteers help paint the aquarium-themed mural on a storage building near the City of Evans Park. About 15 people showed up over the weekend to help bring Delilah Fiechter's creation to life.



Artist Delilah Fiechter, left, watches as volunteers help finish her mural design near the City of Evans Park.



Volunteers near the conclusion of the mural, which is seen here in its entirety. Rain slowed down the process Saturday, but it wasn't enough to prevent them from getting the job done Sunday.