

## **Hyde Park Better Places – Testimony Jan. 2024**

### **LVRT Art Installation – Artist Dan Gottsegen**

(at 75 Depot Street Extension – Cost \$62,000, no local tax dollars)

- 2017 Adopted Town & Village Comprehensive Plan recognized advantages of LVRT
- 2018 VTrans lease signed for Town development of Hyde Park Trailhead
- 2018-2020 Better Connections Workshop & Report – focus on LVRT (\$85K state grant)
- 2019 Brownfield site at trailhead evaluated & capped by the Town (\$35K)
- 2021 VT Arts Council Grant (\$15K) – Community group selects art design
- 2022 Better Places Grant (\$40K); crowdfunding from over 95 donors (\$24K)  
Funding support: Patronicity team, VT ACCD team, with VT Arts Council
- 2023 Art Installation Completed: Hyde Park History, Architecture & People; Local and regional manufacturers & contractors engaged; regional attraction
- 2024 Art Installation is centerpiece of \$604,000 LVRT Community Grant  
Project – Trailhead reconstruction with VHB engineering

The art installation is a regional attraction supporting Hyde Park's Main Street and would not have been possible without Better Places support (funding and staffing support to the Town).