



Public Arts Advisory Committee Agenda

July 16, 2026

Regular Meeting, 4:30pm–6:00pm

Siskiyou Conference Room, 51 Winburn Way

<https://zoom.us/j/94579588331?pwd=P9oLWjMqaf7P9mTnpDehgGdQ0R6zRQ.1>

I. (4:30) CALL TO ORDER:

- a. Welcome & Announcements
- b. Quorum count – *cancel If no quorum is achieved within 15 minutes*
- c. Land Acknowledgment (attached)
- d. Labor Acknowledgement (attached)

II. (4:35) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. May 21, 2026, Meeting Minutes (No June Meeting)

III. (4:35) PUBLIC FORUM (for items not on the agenda; up to 3 minutes per speaker)

IV. (4:40) LIAISON REPORTS

- a. City Council Liaison, Gina DuQuenne
- b. APRC Liaison, Michael Gardiner & APR Staff Liaison, Rachel Dials
- c. Community Development Liaison, Brandon Goldman

V. (4:50) DISCUSSION ITEMS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS, UPDATES

- a. Administrative Changes
- b. Signal Boxes:
 - i. Discuss results of the selection committee.
- c. Guanajuato Heart & Cervantes Plaque: Location Proposal (Heather/Jay/Susan)
- d. Year of Public Art : Update & Sign Funding Proposal (Susan)
- e. Ongoing Updates/Sponsored Initiatives (As warranted)
 - i. Pugh Mural
 - ii. Playwrights Walk
 - iii. Blacklight Sculpture
 - iv. Muralfest
- f. Strategic Plan: Form MAC

VI. (5:50) MEETING PLANNING (up to 15 minutes)

- a. Quorum Count
- b. Agenda Creation – discuss items for inclusion at the next meeting

VII. (6:00) ADJOURNMENT – Next Meeting: October 15

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Land Acknowledgement

"We acknowledge and honor the aboriginal people on whose ancestral homelands we work – the Ikirakutsum Band of the Shasta Nation, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today. We denounce the egregious acts of the colonizers and government and recognize the horrific impacts that still exist today. We honor the first stewards in the Rogue Valley and the lands we live and depend on: Tribes with ancestral lands in and surrounding the geography of the Ashland Watershed include the original past, present and future indigenous inhabitants of the Shasta, Takelma, and Athabaskan people. We also recognize and acknowledge the Shasta village of K'wakhakha – "Where the Crow Lights" – that is now the Ashland City Plaza."

Labor Acknowledgement

We also pause to recognize and acknowledge the labor upon which our country, state, and institutions are built.

We remember that our country is built on the labor of enslaved people who were kidnapped and brought to the U.S. from the African continent and recognize the continued contribution of their survivors. We also acknowledge all immigrant & indigenous labor, including voluntary, involuntary, trafficked, forced, and undocumented peoples who contributed to the building of the country and continue to serve within our labor force. We acknowledge all unpaid care-giving labor.

To the people who contributed this immeasurable work and their descendants, we acknowledge their indelible mark on the space in which we gather today. It is our collective responsibility to critically examine these histories, to repair harm, and to honor, protect, and sustain their contribution to our society.





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DRAFT MINUTES

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Attendance

Susan MacCracken Jain, Chair
Jay Bowen
Monique Abbonizio
Russell Copley
Tish Way
Heather Warden

Absent:

Kate Womack
Sue Sears
Gina Duquette, City Council Liaison

Staff Present: Brandon Goldman, Aaron Anderson, Lonnie Flora (APRC)

Others in Attendance : Sean VanAusdall (Amigo Club), Jared Davidson (Mural Fest), John Pugh (Mural), Peter Finkle, Cynthia Sabotie (White Rabbit), Lily Hudson (Mix)

I. (4:32) CALL TO ORDER:

- a. Welcome & Announcements
- b. Quorum count
- c. Land Acknowledgment (attached)
- d. Labor Acknowledgement (attached)

II. (4:38) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. March 19, 2026, Meeting Minutes – *Copley/Bowen M/S approval* – **unanimous.**

III. (4:39) PUBLIC FORUM

- Sean from the Amigo Club gave a few announcements

IV. (4:43) LIAISON REPORTS

- a. ~~City Council Liaison, Gina DuQuenne~~
 - b. APRC Liaison, Lonnie Flora
- Gave a brief update on the Perozi Fountain work.
 - c. Community Development Liaison, Brandon Goldman
 - Announced upcoming Council meetings with the “year of public art” Resolution
 - Gave an update on Public Art financial balances
 - Discussed a summary report on PAAC members attendance.

V. (4:52) DISCUSSION ITEMS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS, UPDATES

- a. John Pugh Mural Update

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- Cynthia Salbato from White Rabbit discussed an AI element to integrate into the project for which they received a grant.
 - Hopes to have scaffold in place by 4th of July
 - Raised ~\$205k and are \$45k short of their fundraising goal.
- b. Traffic Utility Boxes 2026 (Peter and Russell)
- Peter provided an update on the two boxes that have been completed and an update on the one remaining to be completed.
 - Call for Artist issued on Friday May 8. Deadline for submission June 12.
 - Three incomplete applications received so far.
- c. Update on Heart Placement (Staff)
- Lilly form mix made a statement regarding the location of the proposed heart sculpture.

Bowen/Warden M/S to reconsider the location of the heart – **pass unanimous.**

d. ~~Maintenance Report (Kate)~~ Kate was absent.

- e. Mural Fest update (Jared)
- Request for funding as funds provided last year made the event possible.
 - *“Goldman identified the procedural concern regarding award of funds without a solicitation, advised the committee the process was inequitable and deviated from normal practice, and clarified the committee lacks independent spending authority and can only make recommendations.”*

Copley/Warden M/S to Fund Mural Fest in the same manner as the previous year in the amount of \$2575 with the understanding that a mural will be donated to the public art collection. – **4-2, Motion Passed**

In Favor: Jay Bowen, Monique Abbonizio, Russell Copley, Heather Warden
 Opposed: Susan MacCracken Jain, Tish Way

f. South Side Ashland Sign (Susan)

VI. ~~(5:40) ROUND TABLE~~

VII. ~~(5:50) MEETING PLANNING~~

VIII. (6:00) ADJOURNMENT – Next Meeting: June 18, 2026

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Velocity (bouncing ball) has now been repaired

