



Public Arts Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

ASHLAND PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, August 20, 2026

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Siskiyou Room - 51 Winburn Way

[Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/99755275389](https://zoom.us/j/99755275389)

I. Call to Order (4:30)

1. Welcome & Announcements
2. Quorum confirmation
3. Land Acknowledgment - We acknowledge and honor the aboriginal people on whose ancestral homelands we work- the Iikrakutsum 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 love 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.
4. Labor Acknowledgment - 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 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.

II. Approval of Minutes (4:35)

1. Minutes from the regular meeting on July 16, 2026 (see agenda packet).

III. Public Forum (4:35)

IV. Liaison Reports (4:40)

1. Meeting schedule
2. Guanajuato Heart: Confirmation of permanent installation

V. Discussion & Decision Items (4:50)

1. Traffic Signal Boxes
 - A. Current updates and funding request (Finkle)
 - B. Process Simplification (Rooklyn)
 - C. Graffiti problem (discussion)

Traffic signal box painted by Jessica Lee Findleton near corner of Mountain Ave. and Siskiyou Blvd. Photos before and after graffiti tag were taken May 4, 2026 and June 27, 2026 respectively.
2. Year of Public Art: Family Celebration of Public Art Proposal, Brochure update (Susan)
3. Strategic Plan -- 'Plan for a Plan' discussion and vote (Susan, Jordan)



Public Arts Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

VI. Ongoing Updates / Sponsored Initiatives (5:40)

1. Pugh Mural
2. Playwrights Walk
 - A. Publicity Links:
 - <https://kobi5.com/news/ashland-playwrights-walk-celebrates-citys-art-and-theater-history-312838/>
 - <https://www.ashlandoregon.gov/m/newsflash/Home/Detail/544>
 - <https://ashland.news/peter-finkle-playwrights-walk-adds-six-new-plaques/>
 - <https://theashlandchronicle.com/ashlands-playwrights-walk-comes-to-life-with-public-art/>
3. Story Maps
 - A. Links:
 - ashlandoregon.gov/playwrightswalk
 - ashlandoregon.gov/publicart
4. BlackLight Sculpture
5. Mural Fest

VII. Meeting Planning (5:50)

VIII. Adjournment (6:00)

1. Next Meeting: September 17, 2026

If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, including electronic attendance, please contact Kerrick Gooden at citymanageroffice@ashlandoregon.gov or 541.488.6002 (TTY phone number 1.800.735.2900). Notification at least three business days before the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.