

February 15, 2024

City of Florence Public Arts Committee

Agenda Item 2

Public Comment for items not on the Agenda

Commentor 1 – Lynda Jasso-Thomas *Received February 8, 2024*

Recommendation for the triangle at Highway 101/126 intersection: a sculpture art piece that honors the gardeners past/current, including the Florence Area Garden Club, who have in the past contributed to that triangle. This art piece could incorporate the flora, fauna, and climate of our beautiful town, parks, river, and ocean! Thanks.

Agenda Item 3

Public Comment – Art Exposed ReVision Florence

Commentor 1 – Scott & Sandy Todd

Hello Public Arts Commission,

Thank you for your diligent efforts in beautifying our town and making the arts accessible to everyone.

We are writing to express our thoughts on the installments on 101. We strongly feel that the wave sculpture is the only appropriate piece for the east side of 101 in the 126 & 9th Street area. It welcomes people to Florence, the sea, the beautiful colors of our assorted rhodies & flowers, and adds to the "City in Motion" feel.

We aren't really feeling the three-pronged steel sculpture. The beautiful female dancer better belongs at the Events Center. The geometric sculpture would be fun at Miller Park.

Other than that, they are all beautiful and wish you the best of luck in choosing which to place where.

Thank you again.

** Note, Staff clarified with Sandy Todd, and she said she was referring to "Kelp Totem Orca" by Lin McJunkin*

Commentor 2 – Jennifer French

Greetings Chantelle Meyer and Fellow PAC members:

I thought I'd throw in my 'two pence' regarding the public art that is being considered and eventually chosen for the 6 different locations in and around our charming town of Florence.

First a short introduction, if I may. I was a founding member of the very first steering committee assigned to begin the process of forming a Public Art Committee back in 2014. I then applied to become a 'real live' member of PAC in May of 2015, selected by Mayor Henry and I joyously served as part of the exciting PAC for 5 years.

Also, my spouse Sally Wantz and I started Backstreet Gallery and Artist Co-op back in 2005 and as you know 'our baby' has grown into a prosperous and well-oiled machine. It is hard to believe it's been 19 years!

I have a degree in Advertising and Journalism and from the age of 8 or 9 up until right now 4:15 p.m., February 13, 2024 - I've had a natural eye and the ability to appreciate all kinds of art and how it might best be displayed for others enjoyment.

I have looked carefully at all 12 pieces of art being considered and have picked out my favorite 6, keeping in mind - the colors, the height and width of each piece and the uniqueness and 'flair' they might offer if & when displayed in our lovely town.

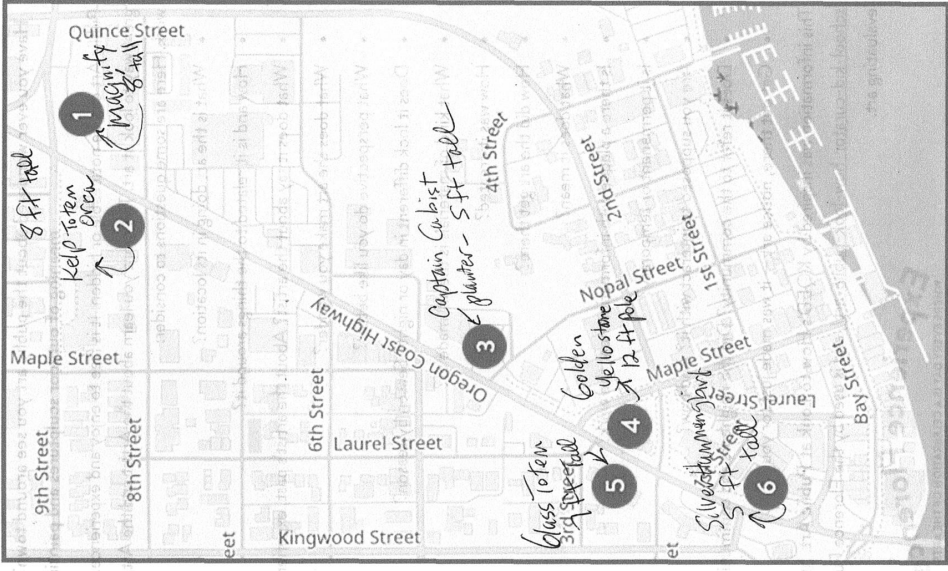
I also looked very carefully at the six chosen locations that the 6 pieces of art will be displayed- taking into consideration the surrounding areas and what specific pieces could 'stand out' beautifully in each spot.

Please find 4 attached pages: On page 1: I've written in the name of each art piece for all 6 locations. Page 2, 3 and 4, I've cut out the photos of the 6 pieces of artwork I'm partial to, and plugged them into the locations that made sense to me.

That's all, I've said and shown my 'two pence' and will watch for the results after much thoughtful deliberation. Thank you to ALL for your long and heARTful time of service. Respectfully, Jennifer French

ART CITY OF FLORENCE EXPOSED
 ReVision Florence 2024-2026

Locations on Highway 101 between Siuslaw River Bridge & Highway 126



LOCATIONS

- 1. Highway 126 Intersection
- 2. 8th Street Corner
- 3. Nopal Street
- 4. Maple Street
- 5. Laurel Street
- 6. 1st Street

Locations on Highway 101 between River Bridge & Highway 126



Location #1
Highway 126 Intersection



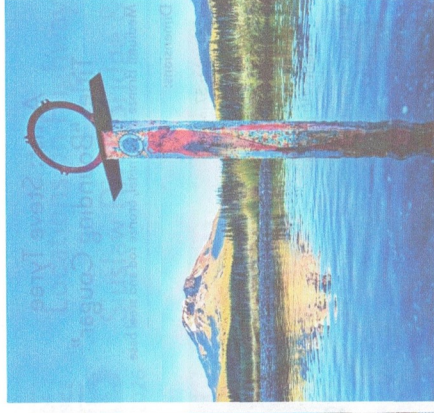
Location #2
8th Street Corner

Locations on Highway 101 between
Siuslaw River Bridge & Highway 126



Location #3
Nopal
Street

101 between
Highway 126



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Location #5
Laurel
Street



Location #4
Maple
Street

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Location #6
First
Street

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Commentor 3 – Joshua Greene

Jo I saw the presentation of art for 101. most of them seem to be 60 inches in height. That would work ok on bay street or on single intimate spaces. The Scale for 101 needs to be much taller 15 to 20 feet! Please consider putting your selections elsewhere and pick larger pieces for 101.

Best, JG

Speaker 1 – Harlen Springer

Form: Public Arts Committee Speaker's Card

Submitted: Thu, 02/15/2024 - 2:03pm

Short Description of Topic: The recent progress and impact of Public Art in Florence