



City of Ketchum

KETCHUM ARTS COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA MEMO

Meeting Date: July 6, 2026 Staff Member/Dept: KA&HC Staff Liaison, Daniel Hansen

Agenda Item: Review potential sculpture donation from Jesse Swickard

Recommended Motion:
None

Reasons for Recommendation:

Policy Analysis and Background (non-consent items only):

Artist Jesse Swickard reached out to city staff last year regarding the potential donation of a piece of artwork to the City of Ketchum. Staff presented the potential donation to the Arts Commission during their November 2025 meeting. The Commission instructed staff to obtain more information and present the findings to them at an upcoming meeting.

Additional findings

Artist Statement: Having relocated my home and studio from Oregon to McCall, Idaho, I have long been inspired by the spirit and beauty of the American West. I frequently visit Ketchum and feel that the town’s character and connection to nature provide the perfect home for this piece. "Destiny" represents over 1.5 years of work and is one of the finest examples of my craftsmanship.

Work title: Destiny

Dimensions: 10' 6" Total Height

Sculpture volume: 36" x 36" x 36"

Base: Triangular footprint; 58" x 58" x 58"

Weight: 780 lbs.

Material: 316L Polished Stainless Steel

Finish: Elaborate Scotch-Brite finish

Installation and mounting: The piece requires a concrete pad or an existing flat concrete surface. Installation will require a pad or lag-set anchors in individual holes.

Delivery and installation timeline: Estimated two-day installation process. I would prefer a summer installation date.

Installation requirements: I am happy to donate the work; I would only request assistance with local lodging during the two-day installation period.

Note from the artist: My hope is to establish a lasting artistic connection with the Ketchum community and provide a work that residents and visitors alike can enjoy for years to come. Thank you for your time and for considering this contribution to Ketchum's public art collection. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sustainability Impact:

None OR state impact here: None

Financial Impact:

None OR Adequate funds exist in account:

Potential lodging expenses to house the artist during installation, if the Commission decides to accept the artwork

Attachments:

1. High-resolution photos of the artwork, Destiny





