



AGENDA REPORT

City Council Meeting

TODAY'S DATE: June 10, 2026

MEETING DATE: June 17, 2026

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jason Welker, Planning & Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Confirmation of Arts, Culture, and Historic Preservation Commission Artist selections for the City Beach basketball Court public art project and Summer Street Banner program

REQUESTED ACTION

Council is asked to confirm the Arts, Culture, and Historic Preservation Commission's selected artists and authorize staff to proceed with artist agreements for two public art solicitations:

- 1. City Beach Basketball Court Public Art Project**
Selected Artist: **Katie Winkler**
Selected Artwork: **"Play Wild"**
- 2. Summer Street Banner Art Program**
Selected Artist: **Katie Winkler**
Selected Artwork: **"Endless Adventure"**

Following Council confirmation, the selected artist will be formally notified and the City will proceed with the appropriate artist agreement for each project. No artwork may be installed or implemented until the applicable agreement has been fully executed by both parties.

BACKGROUND

The City issued two calls for public art through the Arts, Culture, and Historic Preservation Commission: one for a mural-style public art installation at the City Beach basketball court and one for a downtown summer street banner art program.

The purpose of these solicitations is to enhance public spaces through locally relevant, visually engaging artwork that contributes to Sandpoint's civic identity, supports community placemaking, and reflects the character of Sandpoint as a lake, mountain, recreation, and arts community.

The Arts, Culture, and Historic Preservation Commission reviewed and scored the submitted proposals for each solicitation. After completing its evaluation process, the Commission identified the highest scoring submission for each project and recommended that City Council authorize staff to move forward with artist agreements.

If Council wishes to view the other submissions received for either call for art, those submissions were presented and discussed during the ACHP Commission meeting and may be viewed in the ACHP meeting video available on the City's YouTube channel.

CITY BEACH BASKETBALL COURT PUBLIC ART PROJECT

The City received eight proposals for the City Beach Basketball Court Public Art Project. After evaluation and scoring, the ACHP Commission identified **Katie Winkler's "Play Wild"** as the highest scoring submission.

The proposed artwork would transform the City Beach basketball court into a colorful public art feature that remains integrated with the function and geometry of the court. The design includes a bold center-court basketball graphic and wildlife imagery at each end of the court, including a moose and bull trout. The artist describes the concept as a celebration of recreation, local wildlife, conservation, and the natural environment that defines Sandpoint's identity.

The design is intended to work in harmony with the basketball court layout without interfering with gameplay, court visibility, or player safety. The concept emphasizes durable color fields, simplified graphic forms, and practical integration with an outdoor athletic surface.

Following Council confirmation, staff will notify the selected artist and proceed with an artist agreement for the project. The notice of intent to award does not constitute a notice to proceed, and no artwork may be installed until the agreement is fully executed.

SUMMER STREET BANNER ART PROGRAM

The City received **nine** proposals for the Summer Street Banner Art Program. After evaluation and scoring, the ACHP Commission identified **Katie Winkler's "Endless Adventure"** as the highest scoring submission.

The proposed banner artwork presents a colorful four-quadrant composition centered on the Sandpoint summer experience. The design features biking, hiking, sailing, and shopping, with Lake Pend Oreille serving as a unifying visual element. The artwork is intended to evoke outdoor recreation, downtown activity, local commerce, and the broader sense of summer adventure associated with Sandpoint.

Following Council confirmation, staff will notify the selected artist and proceed with an artist agreement for the banner program. As with the basketball court project, the notice of intent to award does not constitute a notice to proceed, and no artwork may be installed, printed, or otherwise implemented until the agreement is fully executed.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact is limited to the project budgets previously established for the respective public art solicitations. Final payment terms, deliverables, and implementation responsibilities will be addressed in the artist agreements.

ATTACHMENTS:

RFPs for calls for art for Summer Banner and City Beach mural programs

Winning submissions for both programs

Resolution accepting ACHP recommendation