



AGENDA REPORT City Council Meeting

TODAY'S DATE: April 20, 2026
MEETING DATE: May 6, 2026
TO: Mayor Grimm, Sandpoint City Council members
FROM: Jason Welker, Planning & Community Development Director
SUBJECT: Big Belly Monster Wrap - Child Art Competition Results and Recommendation from the Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation Commission

Executive Summary

The Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation Commission reviewed 92 contest entries for the Big Bellied Monster public art competition and, at its April 14, 2026 meeting, voted unanimously to recommend submissions **No. 52** and **No. 49** as the two primary selections for installation. The Commission also recommended submissions No. 77 and No. 33 as alternates and identified **2nd Ave & Main** and **4th & Oak Street** as the preferred installation locations for the wrapped units.

Background

The Big Belly Monster Wrap contest invited children ages 4 through 12 to design an original monster-themed wrap for downtown Big Belly trash cans. Contest materials stated that two artist works would be selected and that each selected artist would receive a \$150 stipend. Artwork was required to be original, in color, and incorporate the articulated mouth feature of the can design.

At its March meeting, the Commission narrowed the field to four finalists: submissions No. 77, No. 52, No. 49, and No. 33. At the April 14, 2026 meeting, the Commission reviewed the four finalists and voted to forward a recommendation to City Council.

Commission Recommendation

- Primary selections: Submission No. 52 and Submission No. 49.
- Alternates: Submission No. 77 and Submission No. 33.
- Preferred installation locations: 2nd Ave & Main and 4th & Oak St.

Analysis

Submission No. 52 presents a colorful floral design that translates well to a large-format wrap and would provide a bright, welcoming visual presence in the downtown core. Submission No. 49 offers a bold monster concept with strong color contrast and a playful articulated-mouth treatment that aligns closely with the contest theme. Together, the two selected designs provide visual variety while remaining kid-centered, accessible, and appropriate for public display.

The two alternate entries provide Council with a clear fallback if either selected artist is unable to proceed or if the artwork cannot be adapted for fabrication. The Commission's recommended locations - 2nd Ave & Main and 4th & Oak St. - are both visible downtown locations identified during the Commission's review of potential siting options.

Fiscal Considerations

Based on the contest materials, each selected artist is eligible for a \$150 stipend. This report does not request any separate fiscal action beyond Council approval of the Commission's recommendation.

Recommended Motion

Move to approve Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation Commission recommendations for the Big Belly Monster Wrap child art competition by selecting submissions No. 52 and No. 49 for installation, designating submissions No. 77 and No. 33 as alternates, and authorizing use of the recommended installation locations at 2nd Ave & Main and 4th & Oak St.

Recommended Winning Entries

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RULES:

- Ages 4yrs - 12 yrs.
- Contest runs from February 17 to March 31, 2025.
- Drop off design submission at City Hall (1123 Lake St.) by 5pm on March 31, 2025.
- Participation in the contest grants the City of Sandpoint permission of use of artwork.
- **IMPORTANT:** Design submission must have child's name, age, and parent's name, address/phone printed clearly on the BACK of submission.

ARTWORK CRITERIA:

- Must be in color.
- Must be original artwork.
- Design should incorporate articulated mouth feature.
- Tie to Sandpoint Character is encouraged.
- These criteria will be evaluated by a selection panel of ACHP Commissioners and STCU staff.

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BIG BELLIED MONSTER PUBLIC ART CONTEST

52



THE STORY OF MY MONSTER: Once upon a time there was a monster living in the wilds of Sandpoint. Her name was Flora and she was made of fresh green-things, love, kindness, pretty flowers and fluffy white clouds. She always feels fantastic and wants all of Sandpoint to feel fantastic.

For questions, please contact Jason Welker, Community Planning and Development director, 208-263-3370, jwelker@sandpointidaho.gov.

Figure 1. Recommended primary selection - Submission No. 52.

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Figure 2. Recommended primary selection - Submission No. 49.

Preferred Installation Locations

BIG BELLY MONSTER WRAP - POTENTIAL LOCATIONS



1ST & MAIN ST



4TH & OAK ST



3RD & OAK ST



1ST & MAIN ST



1ST & CEDAR ST



2ND & MAIN ST

Figure 3. Potential locations reviewed by the Commission, with 2nd Ave & Main and 4th & Oak St. recommended.