



PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, January 8th 2026

MEETING: Public Arts Committee Regular Meeting

PLACE: Fraser Town Hall Board Room

PRESENT

Board: Callie McDermott, Cynthia McCool, Robin Barre, Kristin Hanson, Beth Nathom, Steve Fitzgerald, Kenzie Lipe, Kristin Hanson, Alessandra Knightlinger

Staff: Marketing and Communications Manager, Sarah Wieck, Joe McDonald Public Works

1. **Regular Meeting**, Roll Call

called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Cynthia moved, and Robin seconded the **motion** to approve the Agenda. **Motion carried: 8-0.**

3. **Consent Agenda:**

Steve moved, and Cynthia seconded the **motion** to approve the Agenda. **Motion carried: 8-0.**

4. **Discussion**

1. Fire and Ice 2026

The committee provided updates on preparations for the Fire and Ice event. Food vendors have been secured, including Astro Coffee, True Penny, and others, with one fish and chips vendor

still pending confirmation. Transportation arrangements were discussed, with confirmation that Mike Brown from Grand Mountain Rides would help with shuttles alongside Home James, providing approximately 10 shuttles total. Parking has been secured at the school, ball fields, and rec center.

Volunteer coordination was addressed with sign-up positions for pre-event setup, same-day setup, bus stops, information tent, and cleanup. The committee agreed to add positions for flag setup the week before and garbage checks during the event.

A business effigy competition was introduced, with seven businesses already interested. The committee established guidelines including no political themes and allowing nails/screws in construction. Voting would take place on social media with the winner announced before the fire is lit.

2. Peche Purchase

The committee discussed the Peche sculpture currently installed at the bike park. After deliberation, the consensus was that the sculpture had run its course, and the committee unanimously voted to return it rather than purchase it for \$2,000. Members expressed interest in potentially pursuing a new bike-themed sculpture for that location.

3. Crescendo Purchase

The committee reviewed the Crescendo wooden sculpture currently installed at the church. Members expressed strong appreciation for the piece, noting its artistic value and appropriate placement in an area developing artistic character.

Motion to purchase the Crescendo sculpture for \$10,000-12,000 made by an unnamed committee member, seconded by another member. Motion approved unanimously.

The committee also discussed potentially engaging the artist and his wife as musicians for a Picnic in the Park event as part of the negotiation, as well as having the artist provide maintenance guidance for the wooden sculpture.

5. Open Forum:

6. Other Business:

The committee discussed the need to address the condition of the lift chairs that serve as bus stops in Fraser. Joe noted that approximately 90% of them are in bad shape and need to be repainted. The committee agreed to put this project on the agenda for after Fire and Ice, with a tentative plan to have the chairs painted in June 2026. Options discussed included a mural-fest style approach, commissioning local artists, or using a uniform Fraser logo design.

Joe mentioned that Christmas decorations would be going up soon and that the Grinch display was now lit at night. The committee discussed using electronic signboards to promote Fire and Ice in the week prior to the event.

Steve moved, and Cynthia seconded the **motion** to adjourn. **Motion carried: 8-0.**
Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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