

AGENDA
GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
Thursday, June 27, 2024 - 3:00 PM
Community Rooms

This meeting may also be accessed through Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/93216056382> or by calling (253) 215-8782 and entering Meeting ID 932 1605 6382.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Upcoming Legislative Session Discussion**
City Administrator Katrina Knutson
2. **Eddon Boat Park Memorial Art Proposal**
Parks Manager Jennifer Haro

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PUBLIC COMMENT & DECORUM

Public comment will not be accepted at this study session.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) ACCOMMODATIONS

ADA accommodations can be provided upon request. Those requiring special accommodations should contact the city clerk at cityclerk@gjgharborwa.gov or (253) 853-7613 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.



**City of Gig Harbor
City Council Agenda Bill**

Meeting Date: June 27, 2024

SUBJECT: Eddon Boat Park Memorial Art Proposal

SUBMITTED BY: Parks Manager Jennifer Haro

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PHONE: (253) 853-8253

SUGGESTED MOTION: None.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: City staff was approached by Alyse Yeaman, the art teacher at Gig Harbor High School, about the possibility of installing a memorial art sculpture at Eddon Boat Park in memory of a Gig Harbor High School student, Adrian Gunter, who died unexpectedly in January. The sculpture is in the shape of sails, and would be made of steel, with a concrete base.

Adrian's friends and family have contributed to a fund to buy an art piece that they would like to place at Eddon Boat Park. The project proponents were informed that the site that contains the Gig Harbor BoatShop and Boatyard House is historic, and would likely not be granted approval for a new sculpture. If approved, it would be placed on the south lot of the park, likely near the sidewalk. They would fund the art, installation, and all permits required for the work.

The family and friends chose Eddon Boat Park because of Adrian's previous attendance at workshops and camps at the Gig Harbor BoatShop. They are willing to modify the proposed sailboat design to better represent Thunderbird sailboats that were manufactured at the site.

The parks commission heard from the proponents at their May 1 meeting and recommended approval. The arts commission considered the proposal at their May 8 meeting and recommended approval. Items that were brought up by the arts and parks commission for consideration included a clear coat to prevent cuts and scratches from the art and a barrier to discourage people from climbing on it. The proponents indicated that support of these additional features.

GHMC 3.52.010 authorizes the mayor to accept nonmonetary donations. The city also has a policy, A-11-01, about indoor/outdoor art displays and exhibits, but only prohibits art that is "inappropriate or incompatible" with the public uses of the city's property (i.e. violent, political, derogatory, etc.). Since there is no policy on art installation donations, it was recommended that this particular donation be presented to city council for a determination. Without a policy, there is a potential to bring other memorial art proposals for members of the community, resulting in an undesirable quantity of art in our parks.

The cities of Kirkland, Bainbridge Island and Shoreline have art donation policies that could be referenced for a future policy. Bainbridge Island references art in their

donation policy, which then references a separate art policy, overseen by the public arts commission. Kirkland has a specific policy for art donations, giving preference to unrestricted monetary donations, but setting a policy for memorial art. Shoreline includes art policies in their Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Arts (PROSA) Plan, updated every six years, along with a budget to be used for acquiring art pieces.

At the June 27 study session, staff will ask for guidance from council on whether to bring it to a future public meeting for more discussion or approval, authorize the mayor to accept the donation and/or to ask staff to develop a policy for accepting art donations in the future.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION: None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Memorial Sculpture proposal
 2. A-11-01 Indoor - Outdoor Art Displays and Exhibits 1-11
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STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITY: Strategic Plan Priority 3 - Maintain small town character and historic preservation while growing responsibly

Proposal: Memorial Art Piece in the Eddon Boat Park

Commemorating: Adrian Gunter

Artist: Two Ravens Studio, Tacoma

<https://2ravensstudio.com/>

Dollars Raised: \$12,500

to cover the cost of the art piece,
installation, and preservation



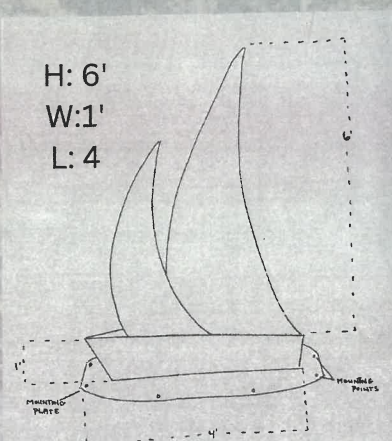
Adrian Gunter

Age: 16

Friends and Family of Adrian thanks You!

The sculpture is made out of A588 1/4" thick Corten Steel also called weathering steel which will turn rusty as it is exposed to the elements. It will be mounted on a flat concrete pad for stability. The base plate will be attached to the concrete. The bottom section of the boat itself would be two pieces, so it would sandwich the bottom of the sails.

The cost is \$7,300 plus tax, delivery, and installation.



Proposal: Memorial Art Piece in the Eddon Boat Park

Dear Parks and Arts Commission of Gig Harbor,

As dedicated members of our community and a group who deeply values the importance of preserving memories, We are writing to you with a heartfelt proposal that we believe would greatly enrich our city at Eddon Boat Park.

In collaboration with fellow members of our community and students, we have embarked on a project to honor the memory of one of our beloved teens who tragically passed away earlier this year. Our vision is to install a memorial art piece in the park that not only commemorates the life of this cherished individual but also celebrates the spirit of our vibrant sailing community.

Enclosed with this letter is an image of the proposed art piece, which we have been diligently fundraising for. We are fortunate to be working with a talented local artist who shares our passion for both art and community. The piece we envision is not only aesthetically pleasing but also deeply meaningful, reflecting the essence of our sailing community and the beauty of our waterfront locale.

We believe that placing this art piece in Gig Harbor would not only honor the memory of our dear departed but also serve as a source of inspiration and solace for all who visit the park. Moreover, it would contribute to the beautification of our city and create a lasting legacy that will be cherished by generations to come.

We are eager to collaborate with the city in bringing this project to fruition. We understand the importance of adhering to proper protocols and obtaining necessary approvals. Therefore, we would be more than happy to schedule a meeting at your earliest convenience to discuss how we can work together to make this vision a reality.

We are open to any suggestions or guidance you may have regarding the installation process or any other pertinent considerations. Our primary goal is to ensure that this memorial art piece is integrated into the park in a manner that is respectful, inclusive, and in harmony with the surrounding environment.

Thank you for considering our proposal. We are sincerely grateful for the opportunity to contribute to our community in this meaningful way. We look forward to the possibility of meeting with you to discuss this project further.

Warm regards,

Tessa Gunter (Mother) , Carolyn McKee (Family Friend), Alyse Yeaman (Teacher) and Friends of Adrian



CITY OF GIG HARBOR – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

TITLE: INDOOR / OUTDOOR ART DISPLAYS and EXHIBITS

POLICY MANUAL SECTION & NO.
A-11-01

EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/12/11
REVISED DATE:

APPROVED:
ROK

BACKGROUND

Periodically, private citizens, business groups or other organizations desiring to display art at the Civic Center for public enjoyment approach the City. There are also occasions where public right-of-way or Parks are used to display art. It provides local and regional artists and art groups an opportunity to display art work in a public setting. In order to clarify the types of art considered appropriate subject matter for public display, the City of Gig Harbor has developed a Purpose and Procedures Policy.

PURPOSE

The purpose of these displays is to foster the appreciation of art by exhibiting works of quality and artistic expression. There will be special emphasis on exhibiting work of local artists.

EXHIBITION PROCEDURES AND POLICY

1. Exhibit Agreement

Prior to acceptance of artworks for display, the City of Gig Harbor will prepare an **Exhibit Agreement** with the artist.

2. Liability

All artwork and/or items on display at the City of Gig Harbor Civic Center or on City property are the financial responsibility of its artist, curator or owner. The City of Gig Harbor will not be held liable for any damage resulting from the transport, handling or display of any artwork and/or items at the Civic Center or any other physical location where the City of Gig Harbor acts as agent. Neither is the City of Gig Harbor financially responsible or liable for the theft or loss of any displayed artwork and/or items. Artists, curators or owners displaying at the City of Gig Harbor Civic Center will be responsible for insuring their own artwork and/or items.

3. Acceptance Policy

The City Administrator has the right to refuse art work that is deemed to be inappropriate or incompatible with the public uses of the City's property. Inappropriate and incompatible artwork as deemed by the City Administrator is defined as political art, sexually suggestive art, religious art, violent art and nudity OR derogatory art against race, ethnicity, natural origin, gender, religion, marital status, sexual orientation or other person or class of people.

4. Sales

Pricing will not be displayed on the artwork. Artists may include contact information and an inventory of the artwork including pricing in a book or brochure near the exhibit. If art work is sold during the exhibit the art will not be removed until after the close of the exhibit or show.



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Signed this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Artist or Representative

City of Gig Harbor