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These four pieces will also be included in the Florence Public Art Committee's art display on Bay Street in Old Town: (clockwise from top) "Low-Poly Open Heart (RIDE)" by Matthew Duffy; "Ravens" by Steve Tyree; "3 Blue Spires" by Gerry Newcomb and "Nursing Doe" by Steve Tyree.

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Despite the change in meeting time from an early afternoon to early evening at 5:30 p.m. this past Monday, there was no public comment or participation regarding the latest selection of five art pieces for placement in the next round of "Art Exposed," a rotating gallery of public art pieces on display in Historic Old Town Florence.



The latest step in the committee's ongoing effort to bring a wide range of public art to Florence was taken by PAC as members worked through the five different locations which will display the pieces selected Monday night.

"The committee conducted a very thorough discussion of each of the entries and the decisions were difficult, but we are very proud of the artwork we selected for this round of 'Art Exposed,'" said Springer. "We were very impressed by the creativity and quality of the finalists for the Art Exposed program. This speaks to the reputation that our program has achieved in that we are able to attract artists of this caliber."

The Public Art Committee's first choice selections are as follows:

Space 1: River Roasters — "The Rusted Spire" by Christopher Knight

Space 2: Rain Garden — "3 Blue Spires" by Gerry Newcomb

Space 3: Waterfront Depot — "Ravens" by Steve Tyree

Space 4: Old Town Park (Gazebo Park) — "Nursing Doe" by Steve Tyree

Space 5: Maple Street Park — "Low-Poly Open Heart (RIDE)" by Matthew Duffy

In an additional action taken by PAC, committee members decided to recommend approval of the purchase of two pieces of "Art Exposed" that were selected and placed in the previous round of displayed art.

The amount of the purchase was \$1,900, a more than 85-percent reduction in the listed price. The pieces will be stored until

a decision has been made by city staff and PAC, in consultation with the Public Works Department, as to when and where they will be permanently displayed.

Current PAC members are Springer as chair, Vice Chair Jo Beaudreau, Kristen Dill, Karl Engel, Peggy Meyer, Nancy Pearson, Christine Santiago, Denise Tarvin, Kathleen Wenzel and Patti Williams, as well as ex-officio members City Councilor Woody Woodbury and Weese. There is one vacancy on the committee.

All City of Florence public meetings are available to view on the city website and are live-streamed. For more information, visit www.ci.florence.or.us.

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