Sunset Dunes park

Temporary Public Art Update - April, 2026

Our 2025 goals

Celebrate the park's opening + connection to the ocean

Show glimpses of what it possible

Integrate with and enhance Rec Park improvements

Create opportunities to linger, play, and socialize

Create a cohesive park experience

Our opening approach

Let the Ocean be the star

Complement, don’t overwhelm, the natural beauty of the coast

Respect the space and its history

Art for Opening Day

2 miles

11 murals

5 sculptures

18 talented artists

- 17 based in Bay Area
- 6 with deep Sunset roots
- 4 first-time doing public art

All temporary & privately funded

Asking the the community

Community engagement approach

- Integrated with park feedback process
- Multiple in-person events
- Online feedback form open for approximately 6 months
- Multi-lingual. Online in English and Chinese; in-person also in Russian and Tagalog
- Led by SF Rec Park with help from CMG Landscape Architecture

What we heard

2,961 submissions

88.9% positive sentiment

10.7% negative

0.4% neutral

What people liked

Interactive, playful, or functional elements

Nature and wildlife themes

Specific pieces praised:

- Murals (504 mentions)
- Octavius (173 mentions)
- Rock Spinner (131 mentions)
- Wave Heart (103 mentions) - common reference point and photo opportunity
- Ocean Calling (84 mentions)

Critiques we heard

Most negative respondents expressed a preference for naturalism

Some disliked the art itself, or stated that money should not be spent on art

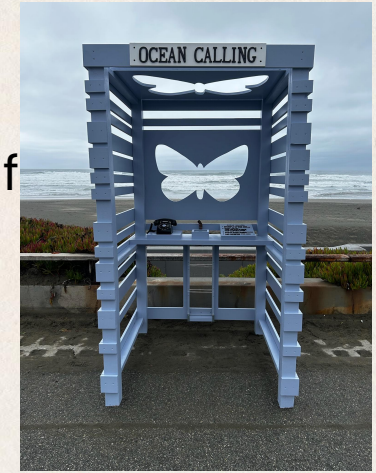
Environmental concerns regarding asphalt murals

Our Request for 2026-2027

Extend the following sculptures for one year, through April 2027. This includes:

- Rock Spinner
- Wave Heart
- Ocean Calling
- Octavius

At this time, we do not request approval f additional murals



Rock Spinner

Why: people love it! Even critics of big art.

Maintenance:

- Greasing spinner
- Graffiti abatement
- Supplementing sand

Wave Heart

Why: it has become a recognized and loved icon for the space

Maintenance:

- Graffiti abatement

Ocean Calling

Why:

- The community loves it
- A new community has formed around it, helping folks process grief and build community connections

Maintenance:

- Daily check-ins by artists, who live in the neighborhood
- Vandalism repairs
- Structural updates by artists

Octavius

Why:

- Kids and families love it

Maintenance:

- Vandalism of eye
- Replacement of broken suction cups

Thank you