

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**CHECK BACK ON APRIL 1ST. NO
JOKING..;-)
It's okay to peek.**



Friends of the Commons Concordia Commons Street Mural Design Contest

Start Date: 04/01/2024

End Date: 04/20/2024

What's it all about

Now that our community has named the new plaza, Concordia Commons, it's time to make it our own! We are having a contest to create a street painting that will be the foundation of the special place we are creating together.

We are excited that you are interested in our "Street Mural" contest to choose a design to paint on the street at Concordia Commons at NE 30th and Killingsworth. The plan is for the chosen design to be painted directly on the street. The "Friends of the Common" committee of the Concordia Neighborhood Association (CNA) will choose the design to be installed, along with input from the neighborhood, and Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT.)

Guidelines & Information

1. See examples of [Street Plazas](#)
2. PBOT Street Painting Information and [Guidelines](#)

Elements we'd like to see in the design

We are hoping that the design will reflect the theme of Unity and Harmony. We have selected this theme because it is the meaning of Concordia. It also is the central purpose of the Concordia Commons which is to have a place where people can gather and build community connections. Definition of Concordia = concord, harmony, unity, union, a ring consisting of two interlaced parts; and Commons = land or resources belonging to or affecting the whole of a community.

We are requiring the design to incorporate some games to appeal to a range of ages. For example, a chessboard and a hopscotch grid could be included.

1. Games need to be in areas without furniture. See the [following idea for furniture placement](#).
2. No games that include balls or any objects that are thrown or kicked are allowed, to protect pedestrian and window safety.
3. The area marked "Open Area" can have games that involve pieces – such as chess or checkers.
4. The area marked "Temporary Access" cannot have games that involve anything besides bodies.

Use large, simple shapes, as opposed to many small ones with tricky detail. You want to make sure that youth, the elderly, and people with all kinds of skill levels can participate in the painting of the mural. Also, large shapes make maintenance much easier. Furniture will be on parts of it, so it should look nice covered up a bit, as well cleared off.

Blank design to use for background

Here are two “blank” backgrounds with dimensions and some “permanent” fixtures of plants and tables on the sidewalk. The dark background is more like the asphalt actually looks, so you can see how your colors will appear. Download and use as your background for the design. The dashed lines are the boundaries of the Street Mural.

1. [Light background](#) (NEED TO UPDATE TO CORRECT SIZE - NOW IS 30 X 90, SB 36 X 95)
2. [Dark gray background](#) (NEED TO UPDATE TO CORRECT SIZE - NOW IS 30 X 90, SB 36 X 95)

What we are looking for and where to “Drop” the files

1. You must include a copy of your design overlaid on the Commons graphic – see above. Your design should fill the entire Commons from curb to curb and from two feet from the crosswalk on Killingsworth to the north end of the Commons. The size is 36 feet wide by 95 feet long.
2. Your design must include the actual colors to be used. Remember that the street is medium gray. Choose colors that will work well on that background.
3. Once you have a design you would like to submit, please fill out this [Concordia Commons Mural Design form \(XXXXXXXXX\)](#) and attach your file to it. JPG or PDF.
4. **Deadline for submission is April 20, 2024.**

PBOT (Portland Bureau of Transportation) will review all submissions and has the final approval for design and colors.

What's Next?

Once all the mural designs are submitted, we will post the ones that follow our instructions for folks in Concordia to comment on their favorite designs. They will show up in full color on the Concordia Website, and later the winner will be in our Newspaper in Black & White (and read all over).

Once the final selection is made, the Portland Bureau of Transportation will provide paint and advice while we the people of Concordia provide the painters. There will be a painting party in the Concordia Commons sometime in the May to June timeframe.

Have Questions? Reach out to Greg Raisman, Public Realm and Street Activation at PBOT at (503) 823-8893 or Greg.Raisman@portlandoregon.gov or Megan Gobble, Concordia Neighborhood Association Southwest 2 Board Member and Friend of the Commons - sw2@concordiapdx.org.

We look forward to seeing your design.

Friends of the Commons

