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PERMANENT OUTDOOR PUBLIC ART IN CITIES AND PARKS

	installed
<i>Sky Ride</i> , Cass Park, Ithaca, New York, commissioned by the Community Arts Partnership	2023
<i>Listening to the Universe</i> , Sparks Heritage Museum, Nevada, purchased by the city of Sparks	2021
<i>Radiance</i> , at San Pablo Ave. and Santa Rosa Way, Palm Desert, CA, purchased by the city of Palm Desert	2020
<i>RA</i> , Homestead Park bike Pump Track, Redmond, OR, purchased by the city of Redmond	2019
<i>Dreaming</i> , Wranglers Range Neighborhood Park, Frisco, Texas, commissioned by the city of Frisco	2019
<i>Solar Wind</i> , Boerne, at Old No. 9 Trailhead on East Blanco Road, Boerne, Texas, purchased by the City of Boerne	2018
<i>Sunflower</i> , First St at South K St, Livermore, California, purchased by the City of Livermore	2018
<i>Butterfly</i> , Northglenn Justice Center, Northglenn, CO, purchased by the Northglenn Arts&Humanities Foundation	2018
<i>Totem</i> , 1212 8 th Ave., Greeley, Colorado, commissioned by the City of Greeley, Colorado	2017
<i>Sit</i> , 9 th Avenue, Greeley, Colorado, purchased by the City of Greeley	2017
<i>Blue Cactus</i> , Bancroft Garden, Walnut Creek, CA	2017
<i>Kicker Kid</i> , Cardoza Park, Milpitas, California, commissioned by the City of Milpitas	2016
<i>Stay</i> , Main Street, Hutchinson, Kansas, purchased by the City of Kansas	2016
<i>Frolic</i> , White Water Park, Durango, Colorado, purchased by the City of Durango	2016
<i>Sunflower</i> , Sundeleaf Plaza, Lake Oswego, Oregon, purchased privately as a gift to the City of Lake Oswego	2015
<i>Watch my Tail</i> , Humane Society, Auburn, Washington, purchased by the City of Auburn	2014
<i>Flying Fish</i> , Orange Memorial Park Sculpture Garden, purchased by South San Francisco, California	2013
<i>Flight</i> , Bentley School, Lafayette, California, commissioned by the Bentley School	2011
<i>Wheely Whirly Peacock</i> , Orinda Library Plaza, Orinda, California, commissioned by the City of Orinda	2009

AWARDS

People's Choice Award 2017, Art on Parade, Northglenn, CO	2017
Second Prize, 2017 KAO International Kinetic Art Competition, Boynton Beach, Florida	2017
Gold Award First Prize 2016, Hutchinson, KS	2016
Silver Award 2016 Second Prize, Hutchinson, KS	2016
Honorable Mention, 2015 KAO International Kinetic Art Competition, Boynton Beach, Florida	2015
The People's Choice Award 2014, Auburn, WA	2014
The People's Choice Award 2014, Puyallup, WA	2014

CURRENT TEMPORARY PUBLIC ART INSTALLATIONS

The Windmills of your Mind, Napa, CA	2024
The Unbearable Lightness of Being, El Paseo Exhibit, Palm Desert, CA	2024

LONG TERM OUTDOOR PUBLIC SCULPTURE EXHIBITIONS

2023	<i>Solar Wind</i> , Mare Island Art Yard, California
2018-2023	<i>Solar Flower</i> , Public Art Rotating Program Pasadena, CA
2021-2023	<i>Jumping the Waves</i> and <i>Wild Flower</i> , Napa, California
2021-2023	<i>Cosmic Glints</i> , Redlands, California
2020-2022	<i>The Unbearable Lightness of Being</i> , Civic Center Park Exhibition, Newport Beach, California
2019-2021	<i>Take Heart</i> , Los Altos Public Arts, Los Altos, CA
2019-2022	<i>RA</i> , <i>Bulldog</i> and <i>Heart Spin</i> , Redmond, OR
2019-2021	<i>Take Heart</i> , Napa, California
2019-2021	<i>Sunflower</i> , Water Wise Park, Manhattan Beach, California
2019-2021	<i>Solar Wind</i> , Puyallup, WA
2018-20	<i>Radiance</i> , El Paseo invitational exhibit, Palm Desert, CA
2019-20	<i>Take Heart</i> , Phillips Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
2019-20	<i>Corkscrew</i> , University of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
2019-20	<i>Nine Lives</i> and <i>Jumping the Waves</i> , Greeley, CO, invitational
2019	<i>Wild Flower</i> , Ketchum, ID
2018-19	<i>Circles</i> , Main Street, Auburn, WA
2019	Bancroft Garden sculpture exhibit, Walnut Creek, California
2017-19	<i>Solar Flare</i> , Riverbend Plaza, Napa, CA
2017-19	<i>Cosmic Glints</i> , Civic Center Park Exhibition, Newport Beach, California
2017-19	<i>Space Glow</i> , Fremont, California
2015-18	Manhattan Beach Art Center, Manhattan Beach, California
2017	Grant Park, Los Altos, California
2017-18	Walking Sculpture Tour, Mankato, Minnesota
2016-17	Area Park at the Lake, Roswell, Georgia
2016-17	Worlds of Wonder Children's Museum, Lafayette, Colorado
2016-17	SculptureWalk, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
2016-17	Sculpture Tour, Eau Claire, WI
2016-17	Sculpture Walk, Hutchinson, Kansas
2016-17	ArtWalk, Napa, California
2016-17	ArtAround, Roswell, Georgia
2016	Filoli Summer Garden Sculpture Exhibit, invitational, Woodside, CA
2016	Civic Center Park Exhibition, Newport Beach, California
2015-17	Arboretum at Stephen A. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas
2015-16	Station Museum, Castlegar, BC, Canada
2015-16	Coastal Discovery Museum, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
2015-16	E. B. Rains Junior Memorial Park, Northglenn, Colorado
2015	Sculpture in the Garden, Ruth Bancroft Garden, Walnut Creek, California
2014-15	Puyallup's Outdoor Gallery, Puyallup, Washington
2014	REVV Gallery, Palm Desert, CA
2014	Sculpture in the Garden, Ruth Bancroft Garden, Walnut Creek, California
2014	Richmond Art Center, Richmond, California
2013-14	Downtown Sculpture Gallery, Auburn, Washington
2013-15	Gallery without Walls, Lake Oswego, OR
2013	Sculpture Trail, Geyserville, California
2013	Sculpture in the Ruth Bancroft Garden, Walnut Creek, California
2012-14	El Paseo, Palm Desert, California
2012	San Rafael Plaza, San Rafael, California
2012	Lafayette Art Gallery Sculpture Garden, Lafayette, California
2012	Wind Fair, Exploratorium, San Francisco, California
2012	The Cloverdale Sculpture Exhibit, Cloverdale, California
2012	Sculpture in the Garden, Ruth Bancroft Garden, Walnut Creek, California
2011-12	ArtWalk, Napa, California

SELECTED PRESS

<https://physicstoday.aip.org/news>, Physics Today, News / Article, Q&A with Toni Feder 2026

<https://ithacavoiced.org/2023/07/sky-ride-sculpture-in-cass-park-to-be-dedicated-this-week/> 2023

<https://www.newportbeachca.gov/government/departments/library-services/cultural-arts/sculpture-in-civic-center-park-exhibition>

2020

<https://friscostyle.com/stories/behind-the-art/> August 1, 2019

<https://www.coloradoboulevard.net/public-artworks-map/>

<http://www.napaartwalk.org/20192021-sense-of-place> 2019

<https://www.artsdowntown.org/rotating-art/solar-wind> 2019

A Map of 8 New Beautiful Public Artworks in Pasadena, by [Toti O'Brien](#) January 7, 2019

Artful Additions <http://www.newportbeachmagazine.com/august-september-2018/> p. 32-24 aug-sept 2018

https://www.independentnews.com/new-sculptures-installed-in-livermore/collection_1716617a-48ce-11e8-b210-9b5b5a160b31.html May 19, 2018

<https://sites.google.com/site/livermorelovesart/home/sunflower>

Studio Visit by Jenny Balisle, PAAC, Richmond, CA <https://balisle.com/2018/03/11/visit-4/> March 11, 2018

Latest Newport Civic Center sculptures get grand opening Saturday Oct 26, 2017

<http://www.latimes.com/socal/daily-pilot/news/tn-dpt-me-sculpture-opening-20171026-story.html>

Fremont: Downtown street corner illuminated with 'Space Glow', Mercury and East Bay Times, by Joseph Geha, <http://www.eastbaytimes.com/2017/06/01/downtown-corner-could-get-a-space-glow/> June 1, 2017

Patricia Vader takes top two spots in SculptureWalk people's choice voting
2017

<https://www.hutchnews.com/story/entertainment/local/2017/01/04/patricia-vader-takes-top-two/21021682007/>

Art on the street 2016, Lafayette CO, interview, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17rVaLmqyFs> 2016

Did You Know Newport Beach Has a Sculpture garden? by Shannon Britsche and Michelle Slieff July 22, 2016

<http://www.pelicanhillmagazine.com/stories/newport-beach-sculpture-garden/>

Vader aims for fun with 'Spring Bouquet', The Daily Sentinel, Nacogdoches, TX, by Nicole Bradford Jan 16, 2016

Art in motion; Wind artist lives in a museum of her own design by Joan Morris June 22, 2010

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2010/06/22/wind-artist-makes-a-colorful-home-in-martinez/>

It was a jump into a black hole...

Broerstraat 5, Alumni Magazine of the University of Groningen, NL, by Ellis Ellenbroek December 2009

New Public Art Work Coming Soon to Community Center and Library, Orinda News, by Sally Hogarty August 2009

DOCUMENTARY

Wind artist wheel adventure, by Susan Tripp Pollard, Contra Costa Times, Walnut Creek, CA June 2010

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9WiCOt6LWc>

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IMAGE LIST

1. *Wheely Whirly Peacock*, 2009, Orinda Library Plaza, Orinda CA, steel and aluminum \$38,000
HWD 16' x 13' x 3'
Kinetic sculpture of a giant with feather eyes evoked by 35 windmills spinning and rotating in the wind
2. *Sunflower*, 2015, Sundeleaf Plaza, Lake Oswego OR, stainless steel and aluminum \$34,000
HWD 16' x 6' x 6'
Kinetic sculpture with 8 windmills, the petals and heart of the flower, spinning and rotating in the wind
3. *Sky Ride*, 2023, Cass Park, Ithaca, NY, steel and aluminum, \$42,000
HWD 24' x 11' x 11'
Kinetic sculpture with 6 cyclists ascending a steep trail on bicycles with wheels spinning in the wind
4. *Dreaming*, 2019, Wranglers Range Neighborhood Park, Frisco TX, steel and aluminum, \$38,000
HWD 15' x 15' x 2'
Kinetic sculpture of a giant horse with manes spinning in the wind, located on former ranchland with roaming horses.
5. *Butterfly*, 2018, Northglenn Justice Center, Northglenn, CO, steel and aluminum, \$32,000
HWD 18' x 13' x 6'
Kinetic sculpture of a giant butterfly with wings fluttering in the wind
6. *Jumping the Waves*, 2016, White Water Park, Durango CO, steel and aluminum, \$27,000
HWD 16'x6'x6'
A giant fish rotating as well as moving up and down as if jumping the waves
7. *Solar Wind*, 2018, Boerne, East Blanco Road, Boerne TX, steel and aluminum \$26,000
HWD 12' x 5.5' x 2'
Kinetic sculpture evoking radiation and sunbeams with the simple circular arrangement of bicycle wheels of three different sizes. The smaller ones are freely rotating, including 11 windmills
8. *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*, 2020, El Paseo, Palm Desert CA, steel, \$18,000
HWD 5' x 5' x 5'
An exuberant and feisty sculpture with an appearance of lace-like delicacy that is belied by its strong structural integrity, made entirely with bicycle wheels that are bolted and welded together.
9. *Listening to the Universe*, 2021, Sparks Heritage Museum NV, steel and aluminum, \$12,000
HWD 18' x 9' x 9'
Five receivers looking like cosmic flowers are pointing up to the sky and back to us, capturing and redirecting the incoming electromagnetic waves from outer space while spinning windmills move the signals around.











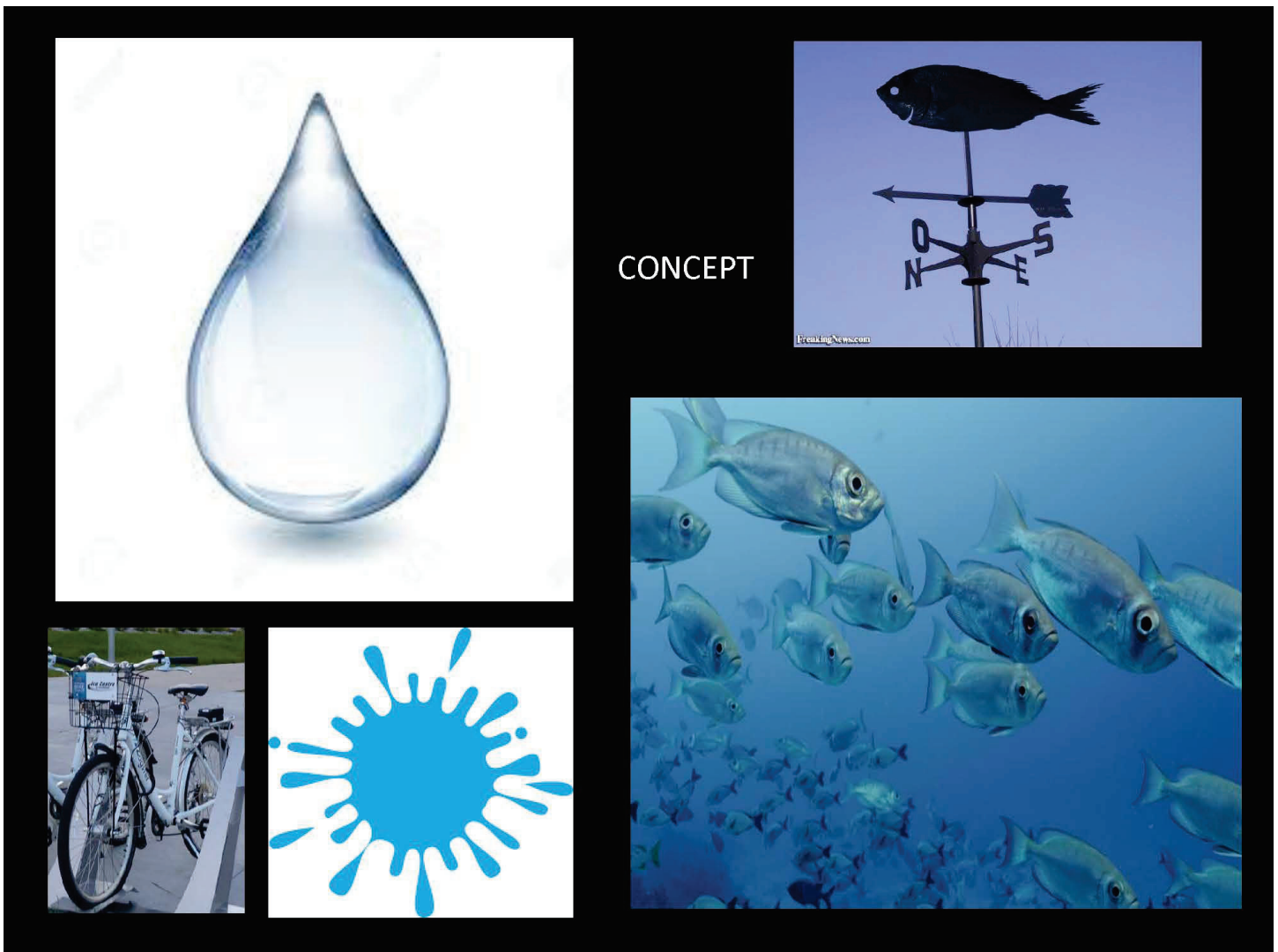
CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

Three water elements to the south east of the sculpture location are an important feature on the site plans. Since the existing sculpture Omaggio A Tempo in the fountain does not refer to water I propose an 18' tall kinetic sculpture, "Follow me", that joyfully references the water and mimics the activities taking place on the Community Center Grounds. Even if trees may obscure the water from the sculpture in the future the connection between the two will be obvious to the viewers. If there are currently no fish in these waters the sculpture may encourage their implementation.

Information displayed in the illustrations accompanying this proposal is not necessarily repeated in the text.

The inspiration for this sculpture can be illustrated as shown below:

water drop
wind vane
school of fish
splash
bicycle



INVERTED WATER DROP



The overall shape of the sculpture Follow Me is an inverted water drop topped by a wind vane.

The fish dominating the top of the sculpture is a wind vane (mounted on a bicycle fork) and also moves up and down in an ever-lasting dance, inviting the smaller fish to come along.

Three bicycle wheels shape the dancing fish and more wheels function as windmills that simulate the motion of the smaller fish inhabiting the water drop.

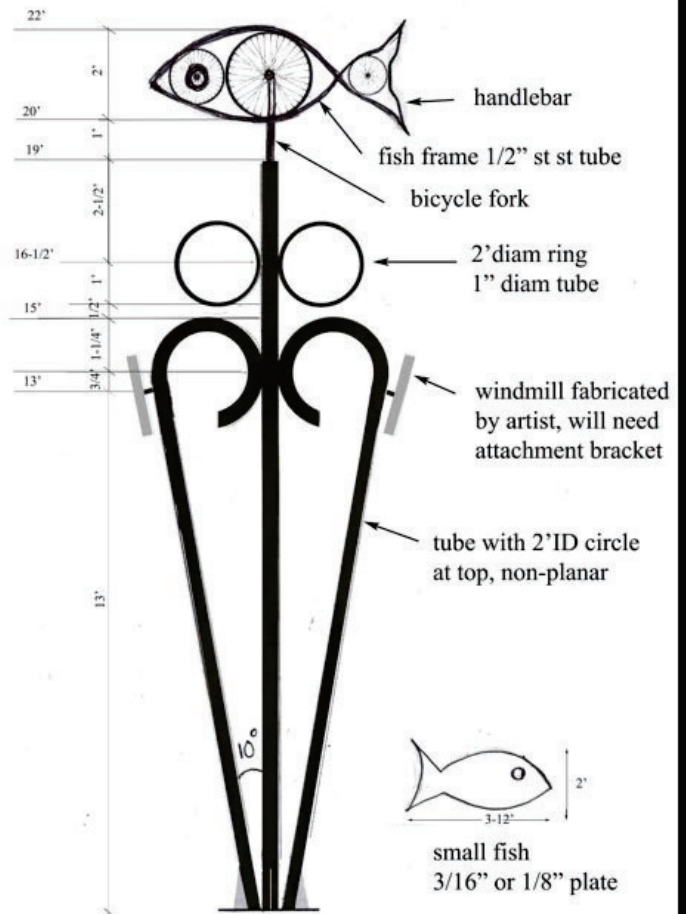
The bicycle elements are an emblem of the bicycle-friendly city of Sunnyvale and community center grounds (CCGR). Their prominent presence and animation of bicycle features in Follow Me are my way of promoting a pleasant and healthy way of locomotion, in sync with the activities taking place in the CCGR.

MAQUETTE - BASIC DESIGN



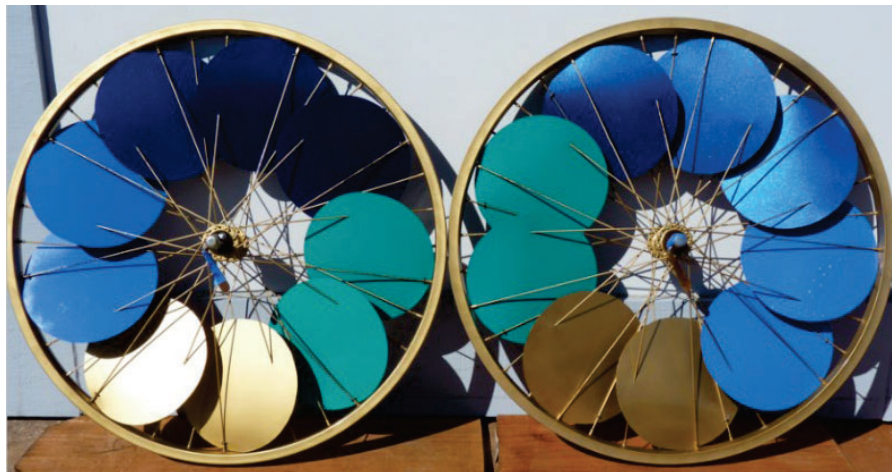
The 3-armed sculpture features one central vertical post and 3 inclined posts.

STRUCTURE



The sculpture has a central post supporting the top dancing wind vane fish mounted on a bicycle fork. Below the top fish 5 rings are attached to this post.

The central post is surrounded by 3 to 5 thinner tubes at a 10 degree to the post and curved at the top so as to rejoin the central post, each supporting a windmill. Five smaller fish move in and out of this framework.



Bicycle wheel wind mills with canted aluminum disks attached to the spokes.

CONCLUSION

“Follow me” is a joyful kinetic sculpture illustrating Sunnyvale’s brand essence “bold, sustainable and innovation”. It is suitable for all ages of the community and will require minimal maintenance.

My two decades of experience with public sculptures and kinetics show that once properly greased all moving elements will keep performing without further intervention.

The use of stainless steel, aluminum and powder coated steel guarantees durability as proven by my public sculptures using similar materials installed years ago all over the country.

As stated elsewhere my objective in public art always is to lift people’s spirits with an engaging surprise which naturally flows out of my own desire and need to keep myself challenged, amused and excited by what I do.

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