



CGF Meeting Feedback Form

Submitted On:

Jun 25, 2025, 11:57AM CDT

City of Grand Forks

Meeting Type:	City Council Meeting
Full Name	First Name: Bridget Last Name: Rosecrans
Full Address	Street Address: City: Edmore State: ND Zip: 58330
Agenda Item Number / Topic:	Mural at school for the blind / low vision
Comments:	I have a kid that goes to the school for the blind and low vision. That mural has brought so much joy to the kids that attend there. You can be legally blind and still see some things. U really want to take another thing away from people that have enough darkness in their life? The staff, kids and many many community members love the mural. It doesn't have any hidden meaning at all.



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Submitted On:

Jun 25, 2025, 12:17PM CDT

City of Grand Forks

Meeting Type:	City Council Meeting
Full Name	First Name: Jessica Last Name: Vaughn
Full Address	Street Address: City: Grand Forks State: ND Zip: 58201
Agenda Item Number / Topic:	School for the Blind Mural
Comments:	I am in favor of the mural and extremely not in favor of the actions of certain people whose opinions differ from mine. The mural is adding a touch of color that was lost when the wing art and murals downtown were taken down. It is a symbol of a big part of our community and shows awareness for those with disabilities. Please allow the mural to stay. It brings happiness and smiles to the community member and does no harm to anyone. Thank you.



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Submitted On:

Jun 25, 2025, 01:59PM CDT

Meeting Type:	City Council Meeting
Full Name	First Name: Tiffany Last Name: Dillon
Full Address	Street Address: City: Grand Forks State: ND Zip: 58203
Agenda Item Number / Topic:	Mural at School for the Blind
Comments:	I just wanted to mention my support for the beautiful new mural that was recently painted in the wall of the School for the Blind. My daughters go to University Children's Learning Center for childcare so we pass the mural twice a day. We loved watching it come together. We think it's important to have art in our community and we're grateful that a local artist has made our neighborhood more beautiful. My 4 year old daughter said the mural is "dazzling" and I agree with her. Thank you!



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Submitted On:

Jun 25, 2025, 10:12AM CDT

City of Grand Forks

Meeting Type:	City Council Meeting
Full Name	First Name: Callie Last Name: Woldridge
Full Address	Street Address: City: Grand Forks State: ND Zip: 58203
Agenda Item Number / Topic:	Mural on wall - school fo the blind
Comments:	I believe this mural provides an amazing sight to see and removing it would be unfair to the artist, those that requested it, and those that enjoy it. You can not simply erase everything with a rainbow just because your scared of the LGBTQ+ (which definitely seems to be why one of you doesn't like this mural, the closet is glass)



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Submitted On:

Jun 25, 2025, 08:42AM CDT

City of Grand Forks

Meeting Type:	City Council Meeting
Full Name	First Name: Rachel Last Name: Renwick
Full Address	Street Address: City: Grand Forks State: ND Zip: 58203
Agenda Item Number / Topic:	Mural
Comments:	I would love if the support for the new mural in town would change the minds of some small minded people to let it stay. What a horrible thing to have to explain to my children who have loved watching the progress & love the mural in its whole that some adults didn't find the beauty in it. It's right next to an elementary school, for crying out loud. Let the kids have some color in this world that's becoming too grey too soon.

Lundmark, Sherie

From: Sande, Dana
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 11:12 AM
To: Lundmark, Sherie
Subject: Fw:

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Mr. Dana Sande
Grand Forks City Council President - Ward 6 Representative
Phone (701) 330-9284

From: Kaylee Anderson
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 8:38 AM
To: Weigel, Daniel <DWeigel@grandforksgov.com>; Osowski, Rebecca <ROsowski@grandforksgov.com>; Sande, Dana <DSande@grandforksgov.com>; Fridolfs, Mike <MFridolfs@grandforksgov.com>; Berg, Tricia <TBerg@grandforksgov.com>; Lunski, Tricia <TLunski@grandforksgov.com>; Vein, Ken <KVein@grandforksgov.com>
Subject:

Dear Grand Forks City Council Members,

I'm writing to express my deep concern over the attempt to censor the new mural at North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind. This artwork, which beautifully highlights meaningful North Dakota symbols like the Western Meadowlark and Wild Prairie Rose, has received overwhelming public support from neighbors, passersby, and local businesses alike.

It is troubling that a single complaint or zoning technicality could override the positive impact this mural has already had on our community. Public art is meant to reflect and uplift local identity. This mural was requested by Vision Services, features inclusive imagery, and aligns with our community's values.

Please take the time to view the mural yourself and consider the community response. I urge you to support artistic expression and prevent the destruction of this meaningful work. We should be celebrating Grand Forks' creativity not censoring it.

With the lack of coordination in the recent road work and multiple construction projects; the LEAST you guys can do is listen to the voices of the people of Grand Forks for ONCE. Don't be like the rest of the terrible tyrant leaders in office right now and censor beautiful artwork just because it makes you mad.

Sincerely,

Kaylee Anderson

Grand Forks ND, 58201

Lundmark, Sherie

From: Sande, Dana
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2025 11:20 AM
To: Lundmark, Sherie
Subject: Fw: NDSchool for the Blind mural

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Mr. Dana Sande
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From: Kathy Ashe < >
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2025 7:50 AM
To: Weigel, Daniel <DWeigel@grandforksgov.com>; Berg, Tricia <TBerg@grandforksgov.com>; Lunski, Tricia <TLunski@grandforksgov.com>; Fridolfs, Mike <MFridolfs@grandforksgov.com>; Sande, Dana <DSande@grandforksgov.com>; Vein, Ken <KVein@grandforksgov.com>
Subject: NDSchool for the Blind mural

I support the North Dakota School for the Blind mural. If the governor of North Dakota can make a mistake and unintentionally veto \$35 million I think the mural should be okay. Not everything is done for a political message. It just might be for enjoyment, to educate. Or both.

Kathy

Lundmark, Sherie

From: Sande, Dana
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 11:09 AM
To: Lundmark, Sherie
Subject: Fw:

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From: Alexandra Bailly >
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 11:13 AM
To: Osowski, Rebecca <ROsowski@grandforksgov.com>; Weigel, Daniel <DWeigel@grandforksgov.com>; Sande, Dana <DSande@grandforksgov.com>; Berg, Tricia <TBerg@grandforksgov.com>; Fridolfs, Mike <MFridolfs@grandforksgov.com>; Lunski, Tricia <TLunski@grandforksgov.com>; Vein, Ken <KVein@grandforksgov.com>
Subject:

- I support the mural at ND Vision Services and believe it should stay.
- This artwork celebrates North Dakota's natural beauty and identity.
- The mural reflects values of inclusion, accessibility, and community.
- It was created with input from ND Vision Services and should be respected.
- I understand the mural may not have gone through the proper zoning approval, but that doesn't justify removing a piece of art that so many in the community support and value.
- The public response has been overwhelmingly positive.
- Art like this brings color, pride, and joy to our neighborhoods.
- Silencing this mural feels like censorship of community expression.
- Let's celebrate art that makes Grand Forks a more vibrant and welcoming place.
- I urge you to stop any efforts to remove or sandblast this mural!

This mural is made to make people feel a little joy in their life even for a second. In these times it has brought the community that you represent together, for a common goal. I urge you, do not destroy something that brings a little sunshine. Destroying art destroys a voice.

Lundmark, Sherie

From: Sande, Dana
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 8:16 AM
To: Lundmark, Sherie
Subject: Fw: Diversity and Expression should be honored with the mural

Mr. Dana Sande
Grand Forks City Council President - Ward 6 Representative
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From: Angela Barrett < >
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 9:21 PM
To: Weigel, Daniel <DWeigel@grandforksgov.com>; Osowski, Rebecca <ROsowski@grandforksgov.com>; Sande, Dana <DSande@grandforksgov.com>; Fridolfs, Mike <MFRidolfs@grandforksgov.com>; Berg, Tricia <TBerg@grandforksgov.com>; Lunski, Tricia <TLunski@grandforksgov.com>; Vein, Ken <KVein@grandforksgov.com>
Subject: Diversity and Expression should be honored with the mural

Dear Grand Forks City Council Members,

I understand that there may have been some miscommunication or overlooked steps in creating the mural on the School for the Blinds building. As a commissioned piece of thoughtful art, I believe it would be a misstep in having it removed. We often find ourselves bending for the loudest voice in an attempt to quiet them, but instead I'm hoping you all realize that removing it would be a larger statement telling your citizens that negative and loud individuals have more rights and freedoms than the majority. I believe it is a well designed piece of art that depicts a bright and hopeful business that supports our local blind individuals, what a wonderful display. My career is spent listening to story after heartbreaking story of how women feel invisible and feel they need to be small to get by, this is just another instance of when it's important to stand up and show your self expression!

Please STAND UP for what is right! Please find an amiable solution.

I grew up in GF, continue to shop there and have adult children living there, so I care!

Sincerely,

Angie Barrett

Lundmark, Sherie

From: Sande, Dana
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 9:14 AM
To: Lundmark, Sherie
Subject: Fw: Ditch the Controversial Gay Pride Mural

Categories: Green Category

Mr. Dana Sande
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From: bbenda
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 12:59 PM
To: Lunski, Tricia <TLunski@grandforksgov.com>; Bochenski, Brandon <BBochenski@grandforksgov.com>; Weigel, Daniel <DWeigel@grandforksgov.com>; Osowski, Rebecca <ROsowski@grandforksgov.com>; Sande, Dana <DSande@grandforksgov.com>; Fridolfs, Mike <MFridolfs@grandforksgov.com>; Berg, Tricia <TBerg@grandforksgov.com>; Vein, Ken <KVein@grandforksgov.com>
Subject: Ditch the Controversial Gay Pride Mural

There has been much controversy over the rainbow mural at the School of the Blind, and for good reason. I ask you to enforce city ordinance and NOT allow this mural to negatively impact city neighborhoods. It is controversial, it is divisive, and it forces city leaders to take sides on a volatile issue.

People say "it's just a rainbow" but actually it is not. The rainbow you see after a storm is considered God's rainbow, a natural rainbow of 7 colors.

The rainbow on the mural, by contrast, is considered the gay pride rainbow, the unnatural rainbow, and has 6 colors. It is a symbol of one small group in Grand Forks, the LBGTQ "community." Another name for it is "Satan's Rainbow" because it is a perversion of God's natural rainbow. If you are familiar with the Bible, you will know that Satan seeks to pervert everything God has created. For Bible-believing Christians, the gay pride rainbow is offensive because it stands in opposition to God's natural design of two genders, male and female. This gay pride rainbow and has no place on public taxpayer-funded property.

It was shocking to me that the superintendent of the School for the Blind took the liberty of having this wall painted in a design he approved, without any concern for neighbors or citizens of Grand Forks. He said it was "accidentally painted." Seriously? How do you "accidentally" paint something? Painting is an intentional act that requires an artist, supplies, and a plan. He is living under a rock if he does not realize this is the gay pride rainbow. It defied city ordinance, so please take it down or expect to "bend the rules" on every city ordinance.

If that mural were in my neighborhood, and I had to see it on a regular basis, I would be disgusted and would likely seek legal action against the city for "bending the rules." This isn't even about the

neighbors in that neighborhood. It is about the city failing to stand up for ALL citizens. This mural has a clearly divisive message and does not deserve a place on Grand Forks public city streets.

Please stop elevating the LBGTQ community over all other groups of people in Grand Forks. You have already done this in the past, giving the LBGTQ community its own hate ordinance, and hiring an LBGTQ liaison police officer. You are going down a slippery slope, caving to the activists in this town while ignoring the everyday citizens. Please treat the LBGTQ community the same as other citizens without giving them special and elevated treatment. When you treat one group more favorably than another, you are engaged in willful discrimination.

Please vote to uphold Grand Forks' city ordinance and hopefully, the superintendent of the ND School for the Blind will check city ordinance in the future before he "accidentally" paints more offensive messages. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Beverly Benda
Ward 4
Grand Forks, ND

Lundmark, Sherie

From: Sande, Dana
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 11:04 AM
To: Lundmark, Sherie
Subject: Fw: Email contact from City of Grand Forks, ND

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Mr. Dana Sande
Grand Forks City Council President - Ward 6 Representative
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From: City of Grand Forks, ND <grandforksgov@enotify.visioninternet.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:13 PM
To: Sande, Dana <DSande@grandforksgov.com>
Subject: Email contact from City of Grand Forks, ND

Message submitted from the <City of Grand Forks, ND> website.

Site Visitor Name: Holly Blilie
Site Visitor Email: holly_boyle@hotmail.com

Hello,

I'm writing in support of the lovely mural at North Dakota School for the Blind that Trey Everett was commissioned to complete. It is a shame to hear that one of our council members acted in the way that she did to someone during work in our community. I can only imagine it was related to the rainbow associated with the mural which I don't imagine was used for the reasons our council woman perceived. Trey Everett is a lovely man... He acted as pastor in my local Presbyterian Church in Red Lake Falls for some years (until recently). He has been commissioned to do work all around the area. I encourage you all to check it out. Lots of color is always a part of his work. Our community could use more color and less brick. I would ask that you encourage all council members to act professionally and that publicly denounce this behavior. I would also ask you allow the mural to stay as created.

Thanks for your time,
Holly Blilie

Grand Forks, ND 58201

Lundmark, Sherie

From: Sande, Dana
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 8:13 AM
To: Lundmark, Sherie
Subject: Fw: School for the Blind/Vision Services mural

Mr. Dana Sande
Grand Forks City Council President - Ward 6 Representative
Phone (701) 330-9284

From: Tasha Byzewski
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 8:50 PM
To: Weigel, Daniel <DWeigel@grandforksgov.com>; Osowski, Rebecca <ROsowski@grandforksgov.com>; Sande, Dana <DSande@grandforksgov.com>; Fridolfs, Mike <MFridolfs@grandforksgov.com>; Berg, Tricia <TBerg@grandforksgov.com>; Lunski, Tricia <TLunski@grandforksgov.com>; Vein, Ken <KVein@grandforksgov.com>
Subject: School for the Blind/Vision Services mural

Good evening,

I have been so excited to see more of Trey Everett's work coming to life in Grand Forks! The mural he has been working on at the School For the Blind has transformed a plain grey wall into a beautiful work of art for all to enjoy, bringing more life and vibrancy to the area!

I was saddened to learn, however, that there are efforts to remove this art and I can't for the life of me understand why? I also learned that a city council member was vehemently opposed to this mural, though I don't know who the council member is or what exactly they are opposed to?

For all of the efforts the city puts into trying to get people to move here or young people, in particular, to stay here, I am genuinely confused why any of the city council members would not be supportive of beautifying our city.

I understand not all art appeals to everybody, but this is also true of architecture and design throughout the city and though I don't love it all, I would never suggest it should be removed.

I hope this mural can stay and that if this is simply a zoning issue, efforts can be made to rectify the situation without destroying the art. Going forward I hope to see the city continue to make efforts to promote more art throughout our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

~Tasha Byzewski

Lundmark, Sherie

From: Sande, Dana
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 11:03 AM
To: Lundmark, Sherie
Subject: Fw: SAVE THE MURAL

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Mr. Dana Sande
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From: Nancy Compeau
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:55 PM
To: Weigel, Daniel <DWeigel@grandforksgov.com>; Osowski, Rebecca <ROsowski@grandforksgov.com>; Sande, Dana <DSande@grandforksgov.com>; Fridolfs, Mike <MFRidolfs@grandforksgov.com>; Berg, Tricia <TBerg@grandforksgov.com>; Lunski, Tricia <TLunski@grandforksgov.com>; Vein, Ken <KVein@grandforksgov.com>
Subject: SAVE THE MURAL

Do not sandblast the mural-it's beautiful and adds to the neighborhood! Please.

Thanks
Nancy

Lundmark, Sherie

From: Sande, Dana
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2025 11:09 AM
To: Lundmark, Sherie
Subject: Fw: The teachable moment

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From: Kat King
Sent: Friday, June 27, 2025 2:23 PM
To: Sande, Dana <DSande@grandforksgov.com>
Subject: The teachable moment

Dear Mr. Sande:

I am writing to encourage you to lead the City Council in taking the high road regarding the mural on the School for the Blind.

Yes, they did not follow proper protocol. I understand why this process is necessary. However, perhaps we can use this as a learning opportunity for others who might not have realized they need a permit and approval before painting murals in GF.

Fortunately, in this case, the mural isn't offensive. The School for the Blind was simply trying to brighten up a plain wall, and the artist's work is **professional and cheerful.**

The Council now has its constituents' attention. **What a great opportunity** to say, "Yes, we encourage murals, but they need to go through the proper channels for approval. We will let this one go, but in the future, the artist and business entity will need to pay for sandblasting off any mural that does not get prior approval."

Wouldn't that be a positive way to end this discussion and move on?

Thanks so much for your service on the City Council. I am sure it is a difficult job.

Kathy

Kathleen Coudle-King

Lundmark, Sherie

From: Sande, Dana
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2025 11:14 AM
To: Lundmark, Sherie
Subject: Fw: School for the Blind Mural

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From: Louise Diers
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2025 11:15 AM
To: Weigel, Daniel <DWeigel@grandforksgov.com>; Osowski, Rebecca <ROsowski@grandforksgov.com>; Sande, Dana <DSande@grandforksgov.com>; Fridolfs, Mike <MFridolfs@grandforksgov.com>; Berg, Tricia <TBerg@grandforksgov.com>; Lunski, Tricia <TLunski@grandforksgov.com>; Vein, Ken <KVein@grandforksgov.com>
Subject: School for the Blind Mural

Dear Grand Forks City Council Members,

I'm writing to express my deep concern over the attempt to remove the new mural at North Dakota School for the Blind. This artwork, which beautifully highlights meaningful North Dakota symbols like the Western Meadowlark and Wild Prairie Rose, has received overwhelming public support from neighbors, passersby, and local businesses alike.

It is troubling that a single complaint or zoning technicality could override the positive impact this mural has already had on our community. Public art is meant to reflect and uplift local identity. This mural was requested by Vision Services, features inclusive imagery, and aligns with our community's values.

Please take the time to view the mural yourself and consider the community response. I urge you to support artistic expression and prevent the destruction of this meaningful work. We should be celebrating Grand Forks' creativity not censoring it.

Sincerely,

Louise Diers

Lundmark, Sherie

From: Sande, Dana
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 8:12 AM
To: Lundmark, Sherie
Subject: Fw: In Support of the ND Vision Services Mural

Mr. Dana Sande
Grand Forks City Council President - Ward 6 Representative
Phone (701) 330-9284

From: Alyssa Donacki
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 8:12 PM
To: Alyssa Donacki
Subject: In Support of the ND Vision Services Mural

Dear Council Members,

I'm writing to express my strong support for the mural at ND Vision Services and to respectfully urge the City to allow it to remain in place.

This mural is a meaningful addition to our community—not only as a piece of public art, but as a symbol of North Dakota's natural beauty and the values we strive to uphold: inclusion, accessibility, and connection. It was created thoughtfully, with input from ND Vision Services, and it deserves to be treated with respect.

Public art plays a vital role in shaping the character of Grand Forks. We've seen firsthand how murals and creative spaces have revitalized our downtown, making it more vibrant, welcoming, and reflective of who we are. This mural continues that positive momentum and helps expand that spirit throughout the city. Art like this contributes to a sense of place and pride. Let's continue to support the creative work being done by North Dakotans to celebrate our culture and enrich our public spaces. I hope the City will find a way to preserve this mural and recognize the value it brings to our community.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Donacki

Lundmark, Sherie

From: Sande, Dana
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 11:07 AM
To: Lundmark, Sherie
Subject: Fw: Protect Public Art & Community Expression in Grand Forks

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Mr. Dana Sande
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From: Gennifer Erickson
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 11:28 AM
To: Weigel, Daniel <DWeigel@grandforksgov.com>; Vein, Ken <KVein@grandforksgov.com>; Lunski, Tricia <TLunski@grandforksgov.com>; Berg, Tricia <TBerg@grandforksgov.com>; Fridolfs, Mike <MFridolfs@grandforksgov.com>; Sande, Dana <DSande@grandforksgov.com>; Osowski, Rebecca <ROsowski@grandforksgov.com>
Subject: Protect Public Art & Community Expression in Grand Forks

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It is troubling that a single complaint or zoning technicality could override the positive impact this mural has already had on our community. Public art is meant to reflect and uplift local identity. As a bus para for our Grand Forks Public Schools, seeing the kid's faces light up with joy as we drove by while it was being completed was very enlightening. This mural was requested by Vision Services, features inclusive imagery, and aligns with our community's values.

Please take the time to view the mural yourself and consider the community response. I urge you to support artistic expression and prevent the destruction of this meaningful work. We should be celebrating Grand Forks' creativity not censoring it.

Sincerely,
Gennifer Erickson

Lundmark, Sherie

From: Sande, Dana
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2025 11:11 AM
To: Lundmark, Sherie
Subject: Fw: Subject: Protect Public Art & Community Expression in Grand Forks

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From: R R
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Subject: Subject: Protect Public Art & Community Expression in Grand Forks

Dear Grand Forks City Council Members,

I'm writing to express my concern over the attempt to censor the new mural at North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind. This artwork, which beautifully highlights meaningful North Dakota symbols like the Western Meadowlark, Wild Prairie Rose, and wonders we can see in the ND sky, has received overwhelming public support from neighbors, passersby, and local businesses alike. Personally, it's one of the better public murals I've seen.

It is troubling that a single complaint or zoning technicality could override the positive impact this mural has already had on our community. Public art is meant to reflect and uplift local identity. This mural was requested by Vision Services, features inclusive imagery, and aligns with our community's values.

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Sincerely,
Rose Green

(I live near the Near South neighborhood but we are often in the neighborhood where the mural is for professional and educational reasons.)

Lundmark, Sherie

From: Sande, Dana
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 8:13 AM
To: Lundmark, Sherie
Subject: Fw: Protect Mural

Mr. Dana Sande
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From: Kasandra Gregoire
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 7:54 PM
To: Weigel, Daniel <DWeigel@grandforksgov.com>; Osowski, Rebecca <ROsowski@grandforksgov.com>; Sande, Dana <DSande@grandforksgov.com>; Fridolfs, Mike <MFridolfs@grandforksgov.com>; Berg, Tricia <TBerg@grandforksgov.com>; Lunski, Tricia <TLunski@grandforksgov.com>; Vein, Ken <KVein@grandforksgov.com>
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Sincerely,
Kasandra Gregoire
Near Downtown Neighborhood

Kasandra Gregoire (she/her)

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