



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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6:00 PM

Online or via phone

Register to Attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_H0GeF245RUeLHuol3BBkvA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dorgan called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

1.A ROLL CALL

Lorilyn Lirio was also in attendance.

Present: 6 - Chair Kathryn Dorgan, Commissioner Jim Burlingame, Commissioner Coral Garey, Commissioner Katherine Ransom, Commissioner Andrew Repcik and Commissioner Jay Spivak

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Sergio Garcia and Commissioner Christen Greene

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Dorgan asked if there were changes to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[26-0008](#) Approval of December 11, 2025 Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [12.11.25 OAC Minutes](#)

Chair Dorgan asked if there were changes to the minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None,

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners spoke to past and upcoming arts events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[26-0013](#) New Arts Commissioner Recommendation

Attachments: [2026 Applications](#)
[OAC Review 2026](#)

Commissioners reviewed the ranked list comprised of their individual scores. The felt strongly the top five applications should be considered by the Community Livability and Public Safety Committee, and also felt comfortable recommending the top seven applications.

Commissioner Burlingame moved to approve and forward the ranked list to the Community Livability and Public Safety Committee, recommending the top five applications and up to the top to seven Arts Commission member applications for interview, seconded by Commissioner Spivak. The motion was approved.

[26-0108](#) Percival Plinth Project Recommendation 2026

Ms. Johnson shared the recommendation of the jury of 15 sculptures for the 2026 Percival Plinth Project. Vice-Chair Ransom spoke to her positive experience on the jury. Commissioners appreciated the wide variety of style and color.

Commissioner Garey moved to recommend the slate of 15 sculptures recommended by jury to City Council for approval, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame. The motion was approved.

[26-0109](#) 2026-2027 Arts Commission Work Plan and Municipal Art Plan

Attachments: [DRAFT Arts Commission 2026 Work Plan](#)
[DRAFT 2026 Municipal Art Plan](#)

Commissioners reviewed the 2026 Arts Commission Work Plan and Municipal Art Plan. Staff had proposed increases to the Arts Walk cover commission, Artist in Residence Program, and reimbursable supplies for the Poet Laureate program. To this, Commissioner Garey proposed an increase of \$200 to each of the 4 Poet Laureate payments, as the stipend had not increased in a number of years. Commissioners agreed. Commissioners also commented on the range of arts programs, including low-barrier opportunities, and the ability for community members to see art where they are at.

Commissioner Burlingame moved to approve the 2026-2027 Work Plan and Municipal Art Plan as edited and approve for recommendation to City Council, seconded by Vice-Chair Ransom. The motion was approved.

7. REPORTS

Ms. Johnson shared a request from United Churches for a Commissioner to join their jury for a work of art in their building. Chair Dorgan was interested to learn more.

8. OTHER TOPICS

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Upcoming

Accommodations