



# Arts Commission Agenda

Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, July 28, 2026  
4:30 PM

Central Library Events Room A / Teams  
906 W Main Ave. Spokane, WA 99201

**Virtual Meeting Link - See Below for Information**

**TIMES GIVEN ARE AN ESTIMATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## Public Comment Period:

Public Comment – Public is invited to comment on related topics other than agenda items scheduled for public hearings (3 minutes max each comment)

## Board Briefing Session:

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| 4:30-5:30 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Roll Call</li><li>2. Approve <a href="#">6/23/2026</a> meeting minutes</li><li>3. Approve current agenda</li><li>4. Chair Report</li><li>5. Staff Report</li><li>6. Committee Chair Reports<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Governance</li><li>-Chase Gallery</li><li>-Public Art</li><li>-Municipal Art Plan</li></ul></li><li>7. Spokane Arts Report</li></ol> | <p>Lisa<br/>All<br/>All<br/>Suzanne<br/>Lisa<br/><br/>Suzanne<br/>Julie<br/>Luis<br/>Jackie<br/>Carly</p> |
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## Workshops:

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| 5:30-6:30 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Resolution to support creation of Director of Film and Event Development Position*</li><li>2. MAP presentation with Lesley Bain from Framework</li><li>3. Vote on MAP contract proposal*</li><li>4. Discussion of Commission Talking Points</li></ol> | <p>Lisa<br/>Lesley<br/><br/>Suzanne<br/>Suzanne</p> |
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**Adjournment: The next regularly scheduled SAC meeting will be held Tuesday, August 25, 2026.**

\* Items denoted with an asterisk may include final action taken by the Commission. Written public comments will be accepted at [eedwards@spokanecity.org](mailto:eedwards@spokanecity.org) on these items up to one hour prior to the start of the meeting. Verbal testimony may also be accepted during the meeting.

# Arts Commission Meeting Information

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

The City of Spokane Arts Commission meeting will be held in a hybrid in-person / virtual format. Members of the public are welcome to attend in person at the Central Library or online using the following information.

## Teams

**Join on your computer, mobile app or room device**

Meeting ID: 263 711 925 696 42

Passcode: 8sV9Kk6B

Please note that public comments will be taken during the meeting, but the public is encouraged to continue to submit their comments or questions in writing to: [eedwards@spokanecity.org](mailto:eedwards@spokanecity.org). Written public comments will be accepted on these items up to one hour prior to the start of the meeting.

## **Arts Commission Committees**

Bylaws - The chairman, with the approval of the Commission, shall appoint all committees and determine their tenure. He (they) shall delegate to the various committees such responsibilities as are appropriate to their purpose. In the absence of express authority from the Commission, a committee shall not purport to act for the Commission.

Chairs report at Commission meetings on the activities of the committee, and any calls to action.

### **Ongoing Committees**

#### **Chase Gallery**

Chair: Julie Shepard

Staff: Lisa Edwards, City

#### **Governance**

Chair: Suzanne Ostersmith

Committee: Robert Thompson, Trevor Iwata

Staff: Lisa Edwards, City

#### **Public Art (formerly Mural/Asphalt art)**

Chair: Luis Mota

Committee: Aimee Brooks

Staff: Shelby Allison, SAC

#### **Fiscal**

Chair: Luis Mota

Committee: Laura Rau

### **Ad Hoc Committees**

#### **Municipal Arts Plan**

Chair: Jackie Caro

Committee: Kale Dittamore, Robert Thompson, Don Hamilton

Staff: Lisa Edwards, City

#### **Spokane Arts Awards**

Chair: Eva Silverstone

Committee: Suzanne Ostersmith

Staff: Lisa Edwards, City

Poet Laureate - Aimee Brooks

Communications – Sybil MacDonald

Documentation –

Spokesperson - Suzanne Ostersmith

According to the Bylaws only the Spokesperson is to speak for the Commission. All Commissioners are required to inform the Chair when/if public communication has occurred.

**City of Spokane Arts Commission  
Governance Committee Report  
Submitted by: Suzanne Ostersmith  
(July 28, 2026)**

Arts Commissioners are encouraged to continue to recruit excellent candidates from District I (Downtown and Hillyard) to apply to serve on the Arts Commission.

Direct candidates to apply at: <https://my.spokanecity.org/bcc/vacancies/>

The committee (Suzanne Ostersmith (chair), Robert Thompson, Trevor Iwata will accept applications for this round until the end of August.

The committee will then review applications and hold interviews in September/October, make recommendation to the Mayor in November, hoping our new Commissioners would join us for their first meeting in January.

**City of Spokane Arts Commission  
Chase Gallery Committee Report  
Submitted by: Julie Shepard  
(July 28, 2026)**

The artist schedule for the Chase Gallery for the rest of 2026

| <b>Month</b> | <b>Artist</b>                  | <b>Media</b>                 | <b>Date</b> |
|--------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| August       | Genie Maples                   | Oil, ink, and fiber          | 8/7         |
| September    | Sally Machlis & Delphine Keim  | Paint, text,<br>layered work | 9/4         |
| October      | Sally Machlis & Delphine Keim  | Paint, text,<br>layered work | 10/2        |
| November     | Elise Beatie & Lauren Urlacher | Florals & Abstracts          | 11/6        |
| December     | City Arts Showcase Exhibition  | Variety                      | 12/4        |

The artist contracts will need to be updated. The City will not be responsible for selling/ collecting funds from the sale of art. Any sales inquiries will be directed to the artist for handling. Lisa will reach out to the artists to update the contracts.

The city staff/Lisa Edwards will now be coordinating install & take down for each show.

**First Friday -**

There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers for First Friday. Normally, it is best to have two volunteers. I will not be available 9/4, 11/6 or 12/4. Amy Cabe from Spokane Arts Board would be interested in helping when she is available.

I am working on the timeline that Audrey submitted a couple of months ago. I will work with Lisa Edwards to create a timeline for artist contacts, media releases, etc. We are going to simplify food offering and beverages. It seems that since people are trying to attend as many events as possible, they are not lingering long and partaking in refreshments.

We are going to look into offering music or possibly having poetry readings. This will help to bring new people to the gallery that may not come specifically for the exhibit. Since we do not have an approved budget at this time, Julie has offered to cover the cost for the musician.

Since we have an opportunity to share other art events, we thought this would be a good place to set out flyers for events that the Commissioners are involved in. If you have flyers, please bring them to the next meeting and give them to Lisa or Julie.

The Spokane Arts page for the Chase Gallery does not show our current exhibit. This needs to be updated for Spokane Arts page, Facebook (Spokane Arts & Chase Gallery) and Instagram. I would presume that in the near future a section will be on the City Hall website to keep this information updated. The city is also sending information in the city e-newsletter.

**Artist call for 2027 Chase Gallery** – deadline is currently Sept 7th.

Lisa is needing to find a new program for the artist call & submission. We will need to extend the submission deadline date. There were 2 artists that had submitted their work. We will reach out to them and have them resubmit once the new program is up and running.

An idea was that we have something posted in the Chase Gallery with a link/QR code for artists to apply. I'm not sure if any submissions have been received.

Julie is working on the Selection Committee. We would like to have two commissioners participate in selections. If you are interested, please let Julie know.

**City of Spokane Arts Commission  
Municipal Arts Plan (MAP) Committee Report**

**Submitted by: Jackie Caro**

**July 28, 2026**

**Committee Update**

The Municipal Arts Plan (MAP) Committee met throughout the spring to discuss the City's approach to updating Spokane's Municipal Arts Plan and to identify potential consultants who could guide the planning process.

After reviewing several possibilities, the committee identified Lesley of Framework (based in Seattle) as the preferred consultant based on her experience in arts planning, community engagement, and municipal planning processes as well as experience working in Spokane on the Downtown Spokane Plan.

Following that recommendation, Suzanne, Lisa, and Jackie met with Lesley to discuss the committee's vision for the project and requested that she prepare a formal proposal outlining her approach, scope of work, timeline, and budget.

The MAP Committee has since expanded its membership and met on July 23 to review the proposal together and discuss next steps.

**Proposal Review**

Committee members are asked to review the attached proposal prior to the Arts Commission meeting.

The proposal outlines:

- The planning process and overall approach
- Community engagement strategy
- Project scope and deliverables
- Timeline
- Budget

The committee believes the proposal reflects the goals discussed throughout the spring and provides a strong foundation for developing Spokane's next Municipal Arts Plan.

**Requested Action**

At the upcoming Commission meeting, the MAP Committee will present the proposal and answer any questions from commissioners. As well as Lesley Bain zooming in to answer questions.

Following discussion, the committee hopes the Commission will vote on whether to recommend moving forward with the proposal so the Municipal Arts Plan process can begin.