

Arts Commission - Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 28, 2025
Central Library Conference Room B/Zoom
Meeting called to order at 4:35 PM by Audrey Overstreet

Public Comment: Citizens are invited to address the Arts Commission on any topic not on the agenda. 3 Minutes each.

- *None*

Attendance:

- Commission Members Present: Audrey Overstreet, Suzanne Ostersmith, Eva Silverstone, Julie Shepard, Chris Maccini, Kelly Baker
- Commission Members Not Present: Don Hamilton
- Non-Voting Members Present: Skyler Oberst, Shelly Wynecoop, Shelby Allison, Heatherann Woods
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Staff Members Present: Lisa Edwards

Minutes: Minutes from 9/17/2024 approved unanimously.

Briefing Session:

- **Chair Report - Audrey Overstreet**
 - Audrey read a letter sharing her appreciation for the City, SPKN Arts and her fellow commissioners and her excitement about the work of the Commission going forward.
- **Secretary Report - Lisa Edwards**
 - Lisa informed the commissioners that they would all be getting City of Spokane email addresses and should use these emails for all Commission related business moving forward.
 - Lisa mentioned that we need to move the meeting space to accommodate for more public attendance.
 - New name tags/name plates for the commissioners will be ordered in 2026
 - The question of a unique logo for the Arts Commission was brought to the City legal team and there is not a definitive answer yet.
- **SPKN Arts Executive Director Report- Skyler Oberst**
 - Introduction of new SPKN Arts staff Heatherann Woods
- **Mural/Asphalt Art Liaison Report - Julie Shepard/ Shelby Allison**
 - The Mural/Asphalt Art sub-committee meetings have been postponed until January
 - The costs for crosswalks are up over 300% due to tariffs and inflation which is three times what was budget for.
 - Initial budget does cover what was planned
 - Shelby is working with Pollyanne Birge on updating the information for the public about Asphalt Art.
 - Two murals (alley between Main and Riverside and the Trent Alley) are being paid for by reallocated ARPA funds.
- **Chase Gallery Liaison Report - Julie Shepard**
 - Working on having live music every First Friday as it was well received last year
 - All artists are selected for next year
 - Social media about the Chase Gallery scheduled to go out Wednesday 10/29
- **Quarterly Artist Meetup Update - Skyler Oberst**
 - Meetup was held at D2 Studios and was well attended
- **Arts Advocacy Update- Skyler Oberst**
 - Skyler attended a webinar put on by Inspire WA about speaking to elected officials.
- **Commission Manual Update - Suzanne Ostersmith**

- Suzanne has been going through the materials provided by Spokane Arts and will have a draft of the Commission manual at the next meeting.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved.

Informational, Discussion and/or Action Items:

- SAGA Quarterly Report
 - Presentation provided by: Shelly Wynecoop
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - SPKN Arts Financial Report
 - Presentation provided by: Skyler Oberst
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - SPKN Arts Contract Extension/OAC Working Group Update
 - Presentation provided by: Audrey Overstreet, Skyler Oberst, Lisa Edwards
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - Public Art Updates
 - Presentation provided by: Skyler Oberst
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued
 - Governance Committee Creation
 - Presentation provided by Audrey Overstreet
 - Questions asked and answered
- Motion**
- Motion made by Chris Maccini to create a Governance Committee. Seconded by Kelly Baker.
 - Motion passes 5-0-1

Meeting Adjourned at 5:46 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Arts Commission Meeting is on Tuesday, November 25, 2025.