

Arts Commission - Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Hamilton Studio/Teams

Meeting called to order at 4:33 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, Julie Shepard, Kelly Baker, Don Hamilton, Luis Mota, Jackie Caro
- Commission Members Not Present: James Pakootas, Eva Silverstone
- Non-Voting Members Present: Megan Duvall, CM Sarah Dixit, Sebastian Pedinielli, Karen Mobley, Shelby Allison, Devonte Pearson
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Staff Members Present: Lisa Edwards

Minutes: Minutes from 11/25/2025 approved unanimously.

Briefing Session:

- **Chair Report - Audrey Overstreet**
 - Update on when the Commission has been and where it is going
- **Vice Chair Report - Suzanne Ostersmith**
 - By-laws state that the Commission has a Vice Chair not Co Chair
- **Secretary/City Liaison Report - Lisa Edwards**
 - Introduced Commission events calendar and asked Commissioners to submit events by the 20th of each month
 - Introduction of Megan Duvall who provided an update on the Office of Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation
 - Introduction of CM Sarah Dixit and her LA Sebastian Pedinielli. CM Dixit is the new Council Liaison to the Arts Commission.
- **SPKN Arts Report - Karen Mobley, Devonte Pearson, Shelby Allison**
 - Karen asked for two commissioners to sit on the selection committee for STA Division Rapid Transit Lines. The commitment is from March through the end of summer. Jackie and Luis volunteered.
 - Devonte spoke about Poetry out Loud at Hamilton Studio
 - Commissioners are needed for the Youth Poet Laureate selection committee
 - Shelby spoke about two crosswalks that are in process; one at Pittsburgh and Wellesley which was designed by a student at Rogers High School and one at Carlisle and Belt that will include input from Audubon Elementary students.
 - There is one year left of the Asphalt Arts program before it is up for extension.
- **Arts Advocacy - Karen Mobley**
 - Volunteers will be testifying before the Legislature next week. Karen provided information about volunteer trainings.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved.

Informational, Discussion and/or Action Items:

- Review of Bylaws
 - Presentation provided by: Suzanne Ostersmith

- Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- Review Committee Structure
 - Presentation provided by: Suzanne Ostersmith
 - Questions asked and answered
 - Discussion ensued
- Municipal Arts Plan Update
 - Presentation provided by: Audrey Overstreet
 - Questions asked and answered
 - Discussion ensued
- Chase Gallery Discussion
 - Presentation provided by: Suzanne Ostersmith
 - Questions asked and answered
 - Discussion ensued

Meeting Adjourned at 6:19 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Arts Commission Meeting is on Tuesday, February 24, 2026.