

Arts Commission - Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 24, 2026
Central Library events Room A/Teams
Meeting called to order at 4:40 PM by Audrey Overstreet

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

- No public comment

Attendance:

- Commission Members Present: Audrey Overstreet, Suzanne Ostersmith, Julie Shepard, Kelly Baker, Jackie Caro, Eva Silverstone, Aimee Brooks, Robert Thompson, Luis Mota
- Commission Members Not Present: Don Hamilton
- Non-Voting Members Present: Karen Mobley, Heatherann Woods, CM Dixit
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Staff Members Present: Lisa Edwards

Minutes: Minutes from 2/24/2026 approved unanimously.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved.

Briefing Session:

- **Chair Report - Audrey Overstreet**
 - Review of commissioners' roles and responsibilities
 - Discussion of committee reporting structure
 - Shared that a representative to the Design Review Board is needed
 - Audrey reminded the commission that she is leaving at the end of June for a travel sabbatical and is formally recommending Suzanne Ostersmith as her successor
- **Vice Chair Report - Suzanne Ostersmith**
 - Suzanne shared her excitement about the future of the commission
- **Secretary/City Liaison Report - Lisa Edwards**
 - Update on timeline for the Office of Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation
 - Update on ordinance clean up related to the Arts Commission
- **Governance Committee Report - Suzanne Ostersmith**
 - Suzanne shared the process for bringing on new commissioners
 - The committee is meeting on April 9th to discuss candidates, they will then interview the candidates, and finally share the selected candidates with the Mayor
 - The commission needs members from District 1 and an architect
 - All commissioners are encouraged to recruit potential candidates
 - The next round of applications will close on July 15th
- **Municipal Arts Plan Committee Report - Audrey Overstreet**
 - Audrey shared the importance of creating a MAP and about the other plans that are in place
 - Experts are required to do this correctly, in particular a consultant needs to be hired
 - Audrey has reached out to Megan Duvall, Adam McDaniel, CM Dixit and Lisa Edwards for help in finding funding streams to pay a consultant
 - Commissioners were asked for their help in looking for funding
 - Audrey recommended Jackie take over as chair of the MAP committee when she leaves in June
- **Public Art Committee Report - Luis Mota**
 - Luis is meeting with Shelby once a month in person and communicating regularly by email
 - Shelby has 21 completed projects and 15 in process
 - There are six crosswalks in process
 - The budget for Asphalt Arts started at \$972,000 and there is \$511,000 left

- Karen recommends having Shelby come to a commission meeting to explain the entire Asphalt Arts program
- The question of what happens to the money from neighborhoods that turn down the program
- Luis reported that the cost of materials and supplies has been increasing
- Shelby needs help on May 7th for an event on May 7th at Audubon Elementary from 3:30-5:30- Julie and Aimee volunteered
- There was a suggestion that the City Communications team create a social media post highlighting how red light ticket money goes to asphalt art. Lisa will share this suggestion with the Communications Director.
- **Chase Gallery Committee Report - Julie Shepard**
 - Unseen Ocean is the upcoming exhibit with First Friday on April 3rd from 5-8
 - Music is scheduled for the First Friday reception
 - The artist collective is a SAGA grant recipient
 - A press release is out
 - Commissioners are encouraged to share about the exhibit on social media
 - Lisa was asked to confirm with City Hall security about the 8:00 pm end time
 - Julie needs committee members for this committee

Informational, Discussion and/or Action Items:

- Chase Gallery Written Plan
 - Presentation provided by: Audrey Overstreet
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- Perception of the Commission within the Community Discussion
 - Presentation provided by: Suzanne Ostersmith
 - Questions asked and answered
 - Discussion ensued

Meeting Adjourned at 6:27 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Arts Commission Meeting is on Tuesday, April 28, 2026.