

# Arts Commission - Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Central Library events Room A/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.

- No public comments

## **Attendance:**

- Commission Members Present: Audrey Overstreet, Suzanne Ostersmith, Julie Shepard, Kelly Baker, Don Hamilton, Eva Silverstone, Aimee Brooks, Robert Thompson, Luis Mota, Jackie Caro, Laura Rau, Trevor Iwata, Sybil MacDonald
- Commission Members Not Present: Kayleigh Dittimore
- Non-Voting Members Present: Skyler Oberst, Heatherann Woods, KayCee Downey
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Staff Members Present: Lisa Edwards

**Minutes:** Minutes from 5/26/2026 approved unanimously.

**Current Agenda:** The current agenda was approved.

## **Briefing Session:**

- **Chair Report - Audrey Overstreet**
  - Audrey announced TS and Shelby's resignations from Spokane Arts
  - Shared many of Spokane Arts accomplishments from over the years
  - Encouraged the group that it is an exciting time to be a commissioner
- **Vice Chair Report - Suzanne Ostersmith**
  - An updated version of the handbook will be ready for commissioner review soon
- **Secretary/City Liaison Report - Lisa Edwards**
  - Reminded commissioners who need to complete or update their OPMA training
  - Presented Audrey and Kelly with certificates and pins from the Mayor to thank them for their years of service on the Commission
  - Reminder of Robert's Rules of Order
  - Asked commissioners to email any thoughts on the public art proposal from Colten G. to me
- **Report from Spokane Arts - Skyler Oberst**
  - Skyler spoke about the partnership between Spokane Arts and the Commission
  - He informed the Commission that both TS and Shelby are leaving Spokane Arts to pursue their own art
  - He assured the Commission that there will be no lapse in work
- **Governance Committee Report - Suzanne Ostersmith**
  - Suzanne thanked the committee for their work on this last round of interviewing commissioner candidates
  - She shared the bios of the new commissioners
  - Informed the Commission that we are accepting applications through August and reminded everyone that we need representation from District 1
- **Municipal Arts Plan Committee Report - Audrey Overstreet**
  - Jackie has reached out to Cultural Frameworks about a possible contract
  - The cost will depend on the timeline
  - A brief proposal was shared with the Commission with a 6-9-month timeline
  - Jackie is looking for additional committee members
- **Public Art Committee Report - Luis Mota**
  - Luis asked Skyler if the plan is to replace Shelby and if not, what the plan is for maintaining murals/public art

- Luis provided updates about crosswalks near Audubon Elementary, Willard Elementary, and Rogers High School
- Due to the location, the Asphalt Arts team is using an adaptive design approach on N Howard near the Arena, painting the jersey barriers and bike lane as opposed to a crosswalk
- The project permits are in for both West Hills and Indian Trail
- The Trent mural should be finished in the next two weeks
- Shelby will be freshening up several projects this summer
- **Chase Gallery Committee Report - Julie Shepard**
  - Julie is putting together the selection committee for the 2027 Chase artists. She needs 6-8 members
  - Julie and Lisa need to schedule a meeting next week

**Informational, Discussion and/or Action Items:**

- PlanSpokane Workshop
  - Presentation provided by: KayCee Downey
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.
- Executive Session called at 5:50

Meeting Adjourned at 6:23 PM.

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