

Arts Commission Meeting

April 15, 2026

6:00 PM

Minutes



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I. Call to Order

Chair Olds called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Arts Commission Roll Call

Arts Commissioners attending were Commissioner Chair Erin Olds, Commissioner Vice Chair Charissa Janke, Commissioner Lane Arndt, Commissioner Melissa Deckman, Commissioner McKenna Kim-Locke, Commissioner Carrie Maez, Commissioner Jessica Scheiderer, Commissioner Walter Thurman.

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were Assistant to the City Administrator Leslie Harris.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: January 21, 2026

There was general consensus to approve the minutes.

IV. Correspondence

None.

V. Public Comments

None.

VI. Old / Continuing Business

A. Roundtable Update: 2025-2026 Arts Commission Work Plan

A. Commissioners provided a roundtable update on the 2025-2026 Arts Commission Work Plan.

#2 Pinot and Poetry – On hold.

#3 Writing Workshop for Youth – Subcommittee is brainstorming ideas for free or low-cost location to hold a crochet class for grades 4-8. Commissioner Kim-Locke is willing to lead. Goal is to coordinate activity prior to the end of the summer.

#1 STEM Fair – Commissioner Deckman shared that the show went really well. Commissioners Bass, Thurman, and Scheiderer and staff liaison Harris distributed ribbons. A Mayor's Award was added this year. Next year, the event will most likely be held at Sumner Middle School on the 3rd Saturday of February.

#4 Videos – Commissioner Arndt provided an update on videos for historical markers. Staff liaison Harris will share the videos with appropriate staff for review of the use of AI.

#5 Maps – On hold.

#6 Update on Brochure – Staff liaison Harris shared a draft of the brochure. Suggestions to add a QR code to a form to ask questions or make a donation. Create an email list for the public to receive Arts Commission information.

#7 Painted Ducks – Commissioner Deckman asked to add Commissioner Thurman as a contact. Students are actively painting and will be ready for Beautify Bonney Lake. Need to order paint supplies. We need to look at touching up the mural at Allan Yorke Park. Commissioner Deckman will reach out to artist for a quote or get approval for the use of volunteers.

#8 Paint Trash Cans – This project will take place during Parks Appreciation Day on April 25 from 9 a.m. - noon. Parks team will do a base coat and then volunteers will paint designs on trash cans. Look at moving location due to the noise of the shred truck.

#10 Large Beach Chairs - Need to explore risk and location.

#11 Ascent Park Artwork Selection – A subcommittee was established with Commissioners Deckman, Scheiderer, and Thurman. The subcommittee and city staff will meet to brainstorm a process for the project, including a call for artists and fundraising ideas. Murrey's Disposal has expressed interest in supporting the project. The Commission also noted that the original artist's wife and son would be invited to participate in the project as appropriate.

#12 Dog Park – On hold.

#13 Fire Station Art – Commissioner Maez met with East Pierce Fire about artwork at the new headquarters. There is no art funding available or a location

for the chair. East Pierce Fire is interested in being included in the utility wrap selection.

#14 Mural at Historical Society – On hold until area is done.

#15 Street Banner Program – CGI Communications is in the process of recruiting sponsors. Once that's completed, they will print the banners and ship to the city for installation.

#17 Arts Month Proclamation – Completed in October 2025.

#18 Annual Arts Commission Presentation – Completed in February.
Recognized Commissioner Bass for his years of service.

VII. Items for Discussion/Action

A. Utility Box Art Wrap Project Update and Action

Vice Chair Janke presented the selection process and recommended artwork for the Utility Box Art Wrap Project. The Commission received 127 artist submissions for six utility box locations. The Commission unanimously approved allocating \$6,400 to the project, setting aside the supplies budget for the remainder of the year. Staff will work with sponsors to select artwork from the top six submissions for five boxes and issue a student call for artists for the high school location. If no student submissions are received, the next-ranked artwork will be considered.

B. Medal of Arts Award Review and Action

Commissioners reviewed the Medal of Arts Award nominations received for former Mayor Neil Johnson and Ben Franklin Crafts and Frame Shop. Commissioners unanimously selected former Mayor Neil Johnson as the 2025 Medal of Arts Award recipient and Ben Franklin Crafts and Frame Shop as the 2026 Medal of Arts Award recipient.

VIII. Open Commission Discussion

High School Video Project - Commissioner Arndt pitched the video project to around 60 students at White River High School. Need to brainstorm video ideas, work through liability issues of kids being transported places, organize time to develop content. Ask White River High School teacher if school has liability forms for field trips. Will need to follow new federal ADA standards. Could explore setting up a news station inside the Council Chambers.

Youth Commission Opening – Commissioner Deckman asked when youth application form will be available. Staff liaison Harris will post the application to the website. Youth term is September 1 – August 31. Acknowledge Youth Commissioner Kim-Locke for her year of service at a City Council meeting.

Open Position – Staff liaison Harris posted the open position on the city’s website and will share on Facebook.

IX. Adjournment

At 7:50 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Erin Olds with the common consent of the Commission.

Leslie Harris, Assistant To The City
Administrator

Commissioner Erin Olds, Chair

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