

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC) MINUTES

FEBRUARY 5, 2025
6:00 PM City Hall

X	Marek Gliniecki, Co-Chair
X	Mary Schulteis, Co-Chair
X	Lynda Leonard, Gallery Director
A	Jan Faidley, Council Representative
X	Matt Lero, Council Representative
X	Jonna Crosby
X	Tim Ross
A	Kelley Nielsen, Staff Liaison
G	Shannon Cole, resident & local artist

A. Modifications to the Agenda – Added item 9. 2026 Budget Objectives

B. Meeting minutes from January 15, 2024 were approved.

C. Open Action Items – None

D. New and Old Business

1. Master Arts Plan – The RFP to consultants is currently out and due Feb 7. The City anticipates receiving more than one proposal. An AAC subcommittee of Jonna, Tim, & Matt will see what we've received and then screen the proposals for further review and selection of a consultant. Several committee members said they might be able to help with review on Feb 13 at 6:00.
2. Budget – No change in current budget balances in the last month.
3. At the January AAC meeting, Austin Bradley with EPC Real Estate Group and his arts team for the Rocks development presented their preferred concepts for a multi-arch sculpture at the southwest corner and an enhanced parking garage façade on the lower east side. AAC discussed both locations and assembled some comments for feedback. Marek will give the various comments to the Rocks team for consideration. There is an existing sanitary sewer easement in that area that will affect the location of the large sculpture – no discussion on that at this meeting.
4. "Regier" structure. Paul Dorrell will keep it until spring and then AAC will install or store it in the City. The Burger King area is again a possible location for installation.
5. Sculptures being considered for decommissioning - Northington's "Scourge" and "Untitled" currently on the Community Center campus. Jonna asked Zahner Co. to

assess these two pieces along with “Wedge”, also at the Community Center. Shaun Kelly has arranged for Kat Zahner to help with the evaluations.

As discussed in the December AAC meeting, “Bench” in the median of Roe Blvd is broken in two, making it a candidate for decommissioning – it will also be evaluated by Zahner Co.

Shannon Cole works with Zahner and is familiar with the process.

Mary reported that “Torso” and “Tree” are not wanted by the Art Institute for recycling. AAC voted to dispose of them. Jonna and Mary will talk with Public Works on getting that done.

6. Paul Dorrell, resident and owner of Leopold Gallery, received a Patron of the Arts award from Governor Kelly.
 7. See Item 5.
 8. 2025 Projects - AAC members sent ideas to Matt prior to this meeting and Matt assembled them into groups based on size and characteristics. See attachment below. All committee members volunteered to develop one or two of the options from each group to get the effort started. Not all projects on the list will be developed, and some like those in Community Outreach may be done by other committees in cooperation with them.
 9. 2026 Budget Objectives - Matt shared info from the City’s Behavioral Values and Goals Objectives process. The 2026 budget process has started and each committee can submit one budget objective for consideration. That needs to be submitted to Keith in early March. AAC briefly discussed an objective that would be an example. We could submit the concept developed in 2024 for a new shed for the community garden. Approximate cost of the shed is \$15,000. Committee members should submit any other ideas to Matt in the next couple of weeks.
- E. Gallery Update – The next reception is for JCDS in the gallery February 7, 5:00-6:30. They will be selling original art, cards and prints. They are hopeful for Valentine’s Day card and gift purchases. The next exhibit will be by the Senior Arts Council.

Adjourned



Arts Committee 2025
Project Options.pdf

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