

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)

MINUTES

October 1, 2025

6:00 PM City Hall

X	Marek Gliniecki, Co-Chair
X	Mary Schulteis, Co-Chair
X	Lynda Leonard, Gallery Director
X	Matt Lero, Council Representative
X	Jonna Crosby
X	Shannon Cole
X	Tim Ross
A	Todd Zimmer
A	Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Asst City Administrator
A	Kelley Nielsen, Staff Liaison
A	Jan Faidley, Alternate Council Rep.
X	Christopher Hotchkiss

A. Call Meeting to Order – 6:00 PM

B. Modifications to the Agenda –

Resident Christopher Hotchkiss attended and wishes to join the committee. Congratulations Chris! Mary will proceed with adding Chris through the normal process for RP committee members. Thanks to his partner who joined a portion of the meeting too and for her work on the RP community garden too.

C. Meeting minutes from Last Meeting – Minutes for the monthly AAC meeting on September 3, 2025 were approved.

D. Unfinished Business

1. Arts Master Plan Update – Designing Local drafted text for the plan and Anna Talarico shared it for review with the steering committee in the last week. The committee provided some comments on the plan and the public art policy. Designing Local is still working on the remainder of the graphics and policy with the steering committee. The draft plan and policy will be sent to the AAC committee members next week.
2. “Damsel” is damaged including a broken eye. There appears to have been an accident. The lighting inconsistency seems to be a timer issue.
3. Community Foundation – Three balances for the Arts Committee were presented by Jonna. George Schlegel Fund \$ 4316, R Park Maintenance Fund \$3300, Signature Art Fund \$3392.
4. Budget – No significant changes were discussed and the remaining funds will be updated before the next meeting.

5. Dance Performance project update – There are dates available at the community center in November. A recent check indicated that Nov 14,21,22,29 were available and we are coordinating dates with the performers.
6. Marek and Mary will start working on a Call for Art to provide artwork to be installed on the City Hall Lobby wall in honor of the RP 75th Anniversary in 2026. Mary will work with city staff to send it in time to get the art installed in the spring before the actual anniversary. The prelim budget is \$5000.
7. Holiday Decorating Contest – Applications to compete will begin November 1. It will be organized and judged by the AAC and signs will be placed in the winners' yards. Checks will be awarded on December 19th: 1st place \$150.00, 2nd \$125.00, 3rd place, \$100.00, 4th place \$75.00.

E. New Business – Conducted at the beginning of the meeting

1. Porchlight outreach to AAC on the city's strategic planning – Ruanda McFerron and Kate Bender attended the meeting to ask what AAC members see as the best things about Roeland Park and what could be improved. The outreach notes were taken by Ruanda and all participated in discussion of a variety of topics including community engagement, characteristics, art, amenities, infrastructure, transportation, environment, connectivity... The outreach was certainly appreciated.

2. EPC Public Art Proposal for the Rocks – Austin Bradley with EPC and artist Paul Dorrell presented a revised arts concept plan that includes an art sculpture at the SW corner of the property and the east facade of the parking structure. Both were considered to be much more favorable than the concepts provided in early 2025. AAC approved both concepts based on some key changes to them that were suggested.

The sketch presented for the 3–Rings in the SW corner projecting out of the ground showed most of the visible skin of the rings would be Core-Ten steel, transitioning to stainless steel at their tops. Paul added that the actual preferred treatment would be less Core-Ten and more like 70% visible stainless steel. AAC concurred with that composition.

The sketch for the colored wave of colors on the east parking facade should be brighter or more vivid and potentially include some green hues in the palette to tie to the landscaping below it that accentuates the mural.

F. Gallery Update – The current Exhibit by artists Bernie Lee, Laurie Jerome and Dot Gerst ends Oct 30. The next exhibit starts Nov 1 and will be local artists. There will be a reception for them on November 20. Food and music are planned for their reception.

G. Adjourn

Attachment – None