

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC) MINUTES

November 5, 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
X	Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Asst City Administrator
X	Kelley Nielsen, Staff Liaison
X	Jan Faidley, Alternate Council Rep.
A	Christopher Hotchkiss
V	Anna Talarico
X	Jamie Davis – Parks Committee
X	Kara Steen – Interested in AAC

A. Call Meeting to Order – 6:05 PM

B. Modifications to the Agenda – See additional Items E.2,3

C. Meeting minutes from Last Meeting – Minutes for the monthly AAC meeting on October 1, 2025 were approved.

D. Unfinished Business

1. Arts Master Plan – Anna Talarico attended virtually and shared a high-level presentation she will use on November 17 to present the final plan to Council. Anna previously provided the final plan to AAC for review and AAC provided comments and questions which were discussed. AAC and Parks suggested additional emphasis as separate sections on collaboration between committees as well as city departments be added to the plan and Anna agreed. AAC endorsed the plan and Jennifer will work with AAC to prepare a written statement of endorsement to include in the plan. It needs to be done by November 13 so it can go in the packet to the Council. The public art policy which is an addendum to the plan will be part of the adopted plan. It describes a public art Coordinator role that will be absorbed by city staff initially. Currently Jennifer and Jonna will be filling that role
2. The dance project has been postponed until 2026 because the performers are not available until then. Marek has discussed with them that we are planning a dance for all ages (Community For All Ages), with potentially multiple activities related to dance.

Holiday decorating contest – Kelley will check the RP website to see if the entry form is easy to find and amend as necessary.

3. Maintenance Projects Remaining

- a. Emily Alvarez mural repair – Emily is not responding so repairs haven't happened. The consensus is that it doesn't have to be done right away and this panel damage is similar to other panels.
- b. Hugh Merril plaques at Carpenter Park. Matt and Mary consulted with Chris Bonner on the Hugh Merrill Plaques. The final consensus was to find a material that looked as close to the original ones as possible. Public Works now have the plaques and will install them.
- c. "34" Marek will contact the artist Joel Marquardt and get his info on the sign maker so we can order more signs and Nathan will have them installed per the instructions that Matt has provided.

4. Budget – AAC voted to transfer all 2025 unspent acquisition funds into the Signature Art Fund. Some expenditures were put on hold during the development of the master arts plan, with the assumption they would be reevaluated or resumed in 2026.

5. Update to RP Art Brochure – Todd Zimmer showed some high-quality photos he took of our outdoor public art and asked how we would like them to represent the collection as he is updating the brochure. The consensus is that the photos should create interest and invoke emotion rather than catalog each piece with full elevation images.

E. New Business

1. The next AAC meeting will be December 15 and entirely devoted to judging the Holiday Decorating Contest, by visiting the participants' locations around the city. AAC members will meet at City Hall at 6:30 PM then judge all entries followed by a debriefing session to determine winners at Mary's house.
2. Roeland Park will initiate a Call for Art to provide artwork to be installed on a City Hall lobby wall in honor of the RP 75th Anniversary in 2026. Jonna is working on it with staff and they plan to release it in early 2026.
3. 'Peace Poles' has been in storage for a while waiting for installation in Nall Park, which could still be a good location for it after other improvements there are finished. Another potential location is the nature walk area in R Park where the sunflowers grow.

F. Gallery Update – The current exhibit by 15 local Roeland Park artists represents a variety of media including books, articulating models, painting and sculpture. There will be a reception for them on November 13, 5-7PM. Food and music are planned for their reception.

G. Adjourn

Attachment – None