

AGENDA

ARTS COMMISSION

October 16, 2025

Hybrid Meeting In-person and via Zoom



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**CITY OF ELLENSBURG
ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA
Ellensburg Downtown Association
109 E. 3rd Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom
Thursday, October 16, 2025
4:00 PM - Regular Meeting**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

1.A Roll Call: Commissioner Eyre, Commissioner Dougherty, Commissioner Snedeker, Commissioner Wenz, Council Member Miller and welcome guests.

2. Approval of Agenda (No Public Comment)

2.A Review and approve October 16, 2025, Ellensburg Arts Commission meeting agenda as presented

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A Review and approve September 18, 2025, Arts Commission meeting minutes as presented.

4. Budget/Financial Report

4.A YTD 2025 Arts Commission Budget Update

5. Subcommittee Business

5.A

1. Funding & Advocacy: Jerry/Alex
2. First Friday Art Walk: Matt/Alex:
3. City Art/Public Art: Jerry/Alex
4. Awards & Distinctions: Jeff/Staff--Arts Treasure & Arts Advocate Award update | Poet Laureate update
5. Ellensburg Creative District: Staff/Jeff/Alex

6. New Business

7. Unfinished Business

7.A New Arts Commissioner Applications

7.B 2026 Project Grant Application Scoring and Recommendation

8. Citizen Comment

9. Staff Update/Discussion Items

10. Commission Representative Update

11. Adjournment



For more information on the Ellensburg Arts Commission, contact Arts & Economic Development Manager Kelle Vandenberg at 509-962-7149.

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CITY OF ELLENSBURG
Meeting Date of Meeting
Start Time of Meeting
Place of Meeting

Arts Commission Meeting Minutes
Sept. 18, 2025
4:10 PM
EDA Office, 109 E. 3rd Street, Ste. 1

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

1.A Chair Eyre, Commissioner Dougherty, Commissioner Marchand, Commissioner Snedeker, Commissioner Wenz, and City Council Member Miller
Absent: None
Welcome guest: Jesen Lopez, Terese Young, Kye Gibb

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve September 18, 2025, Arts Commission meeting agenda as presented.
By: Jeff Snedeker
Seconded: Jerry Dougherty
In Favor: All in favor
Opposed: None
Abstain: None
Motion Carries

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve June 12, 2025, Arts Commission meeting minutes as presented.
By: Jeff Snedeker
Seconded: Alex Eyre
In Favor: All
Opposed: None
Abstain: None
Motion Carries

4. Budget/Financial Report

4.A 2025 Arts Commission Budget Update
Staff gave brief overview of 2025 Arts Commission budget.

5. New Business

5.A CWU Creative District/Art Walk Open House @ CWU President's House

5.B 2026 Project Grant Applications Review
Commissioner Dougherty reviewed the Project Grant background, process, and timeline.

Jerry also reminded us that we need to clarify and develop a plan to outline commercial artist.

5.C Resignation of Commissioner Marchand

6. Unfinished Business

6.A Harmonize Sculpture: Final Report from Crista Ann Ames. (Report included in packet)

6.B Pollinator Mural at Wippel Park Discussion and Planning

Action Item: Commission Eyre will reach out to Keeley Pickerel and Justin Gibbons to set up a meeting, also invite any other individuals involved in the project.

7. Subcommittee Business:

7.A 1. Funding & Advocacy: Jerry/Marie/Alex: Review scoring spreadsheets/matrix for the project grants.

2. First Friday Art Walk: Matt/Alex/Staff: Matt and Kelle updated on work for the CWU Artwalk project noted above.

3. City Art/Public Art: Jerry/Jeffy/Alex: Nothing to report

4. Awards & Distinctions: Marie/Jeff/Alex: Review and determine recommendation for Arts Treasure and Arts Advocacy Awards

Marie updated on PL nomination and next steps. We had four nominees for the 2025-2027 Poet Laureate position. The subcommittee will interview all four nominees and request body of work from each. Potential Poet Laureate interviews will be held prior to October's Arts Commission meeting and will bring forward their recommendation for a commission vote.

Arts Treasure: Kara Hunnicutt (check name)

Arts Advocate: Mike McCloskey (Check spelling)

Marie Marchand and Jeffrey Snedeker reviewed both nominees with the Commissioners.

Motion to approve Kara Hunnicutt for Arts Treasure and Mike McCloskey for the Arts Advocate Award for their respective service to the community.

This is an honorary award with no funding.

By: Alex Eyre

Seconded: Jeffrey Snedeker

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carries

Action Item(s):

1. Subcommittee to select the date for the awards ceremony and Alex will arrange with a venue.
2. Staff will draft communication to nominees and awarded individuals.

5. Ellensburg Creative District: Jeff/Brian/Alex/Staff: See staff updates below.

8. Citizen Comment: None

9. Staff Update/Discussion Items:

9.A Bus Shelter Call Update/Discussion

Public Art Subcommittee and Kelle will reconvene on this item.

Action Item: Staff arrange meeting for Public Art Subcommittee.

9.B Creative District Update

- a. Wayfinding signs up
- b. FY25 Annual Report complete and submitted to ArtsWA
- c. FY26 Strategic Planning in process
- d. Sister District Update: November 3, 2025, in Ellensburg
- e. Monthly Rural Cohorts meeting (virtual)
- f. Sales Tax Revenue Tracking/Forecast

g. Meeting with WA State Dept. of Commerce Director Nguyen

Announcements: Jeffery attended the Discovery Lab performance and it was wonderful, exceeded expectations.

8:50 this evening on KYV Justin Gibbons will be featured as the featured artist.

10. Commission Representative Update:

David Miller discussed briefly overlapping grant applications between Community Grants and other commission grants. Community Grants have \$22K in funding available, received \$83K in requests.

11. Adjournment Time 6:14 pm

Next meeting will be on October 16th at 4:00 pm location to be determine.

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From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2025 9:39 AM
To: Gretchen Delaford <delafordg@ellensburgwa.gov>
Subject: [Ext] Online Form Submittal: Application for Appointment



Application for Appointment

Application for Appointment

For volunteering to serve on a Board or Commission

Boards & Commissions	Arts Commission
Have you attended a meeting for the board or commission you are applying to?	No
Name of Applicant:	(Jensen) Vincent Michael Lopez
Address	[REDACTED]
Mailing Address (If Different)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	Ellensburg
State	WA
Zip	98926
Email Address	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Do you live within the city limits? Yes

ECC 1.12.120 Residency qualification. Except where a commission, board or committee specifically requires city residency as a condition of appointment, members of all other commissions, boards and committees shall maintain residency within the Kittitas County limits. "Residency," as used herein, means residing within the city or county limits, as applicable, both at the time of appointment and for at least 270 days within each calendar year for the duration of the member's term, but shall not include any period for which a member is absent due to military service.

Occupation Status and Background:

I have dedicated over 25 years to a professional career as a Contemporary Ballet Dancer, Choreographer and teacher. My performance history includes performances with Donald Byrd of Spectrum Dance Theater & Whim W'Him in Seattle WA as well as Wideman/Davis Dance, A national touring dance company.

In addition to performance,, I have pursued opportunities to advance cultural exchange and arts education. I completed a residency at the American School of Dhaka in Bangladesh, where I developed and led dance programing. During this time I also facilitated community residences, teaching dance to underprivileged youth across the city. These international experiences reinforced my commitment to the role of the arts as a vehicle for education, accessibility, lacrosse cultural dialogue.

Currently, I continue my artistic practice as a Photographer & cinematographer. My work remains rooted in the principles of movement, composition, and storytelling, allowing me to extend my artistic voice into new mediums while continuing to engage audiences throughout eh visual art.

Organization Affiliations:

Spectrum Dance Theater
Wideman/Davis Dance
Whim W'Him

Why are you seeking appointment?

I am seeking to serve on the City Arts Council to bring my perspective as a lifelong artist and cultural worker to the service of my community. I understand the arts as both a professional practice and a tool for connection. I want to help ensure that artists across disciplines have opportunities to

thrive and the arts remain an accessible and vital part of our city.

Will you be able to attend meetings regularly if appointed? Yes

If your first choice, as listed above, is not available, which other boards or commissions would you be interested in serving on?

Boards & Commissions Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Boards & Commissions Landmarks and Design Commission

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From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>
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Subject: [Ext] Online Form Submittal: Application for Appointment



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For volunteering to serve on a Board or Commission

Boards & Commissions	Arts Commission
Have you attended a meeting for the board or commission you are applying to?	No
Name of Applicant:	Therese Young
Address	[REDACTED]
Mailing Address (If Different)	Field not completed.
City	Ellensburg
State	WA
Zip	98926
Email Address	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Do you live within the city limits? Yes

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Occupation Status and Background: Retired
CWU Tenured Dance Professor 24 years

Organization Affiliations: In transition from University related organizations to community based affiliations.

Why are you seeking appointment? I have time and knowledge to share.

Will you be able to attend meetings regularly if appointed? Yes

If your first choice, as listed above, is not available, which other boards or commissions would you be interested in serving on?

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