



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date of Meeting

Sept. 18, 2025

Start Time of Meeting

4:10 PM

Place of Meeting

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/Jeff/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 Jeff 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: Jeff 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: Jeff 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.

