

AGENDA ARTS COMMISSION April 9, 2026

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**CITY OF ELLENSBURG
ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA
Council Chambers
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom
Thursday, April 9, 2026
4:00 PM - Regular Meeting**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

1.A Roll Call: Commissioner Eyre, Commissioner Dougherty, Commissioner Snedeker, Commissioner Wenz, Commissioner Young, Commissioner Lopez, Council Member Beauchamp

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of Agenda (No Public Comment)

3.A Review and approve the April 9, 2026, Ellensburg Arts Commission Agenda as presented.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.A Review and approve the March 12, 2026, Ellensburg Arts Commission meeting minutes as presented.

5. Budget/Financial Report

5.A YTD 2026 Arts Commission Budget Update

6. New Business

6.A Ellensburg Rodeo Mural Approval Request

6.B Public Art Donation Consideration--Action Needed

7. Unfinished Business

7.A America 250 Planning Update

7.B Admission Tax Discussion

7.C Committee Scope of Work Project Update:

The noted commissioner(s) below will review and/or write the subcommittee scope of work.

Jeff: Creative District-send to staff to review

Therese/Matt/Jensen: Artwalk

Alex/Jerry: Public Art—then send to Matt and Jeff

Project Grant/Funding—Alex/Jerry/Jensen

Awards & Distinction—Jeff/Therese

7.D Open Arts Commissioner Position--Update and Review. Potential Action Item

8. Subcommittee Business

8.A

1. Project Grant & Funding: Jerry, Jensen, Alex
2. First Friday Art Walk: Matt, Jensen, Therese
3. City Art/Public Art: Jerry, Alex, Jeff, Matt
4. Awards & Distinctions: Jeff, Therese, Alex
5. Ellensburg Creative District: Jeff, Staff

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

Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date of Meeting

March 12, 2026

Start Time of Meeting

4:00 PM

Place of Meeting

City Hall, Council Conference Room

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

1.A Chair Eyre, Commissioner Dougherty, Commissioner Snedeker, Commissioner Wenz, Commissioner Young, Commissioner Lopez, Absent: Jerry Dougherty, excused
Welcome guest: Renee Fyall, Teresa Chanes, and Emily Jacobs

2. Citizen Comment No citizen comment

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve March 12, 2026, Arts Commission amended agenda with the noted change to Item 10, replacing the word "Commission" with the word Council.

By: Commissioner Snedeker

Seconded: Commissioner Young

In Favor: All in favor

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carries

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve February 12, 2025, Arts Commission meeting minutes as presented.

By: Commissioner Snedeker

Seconded: Commissioner Young

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carries

5. Budget/Financial Report

5.A 2026 Proposed Budget Review and Commissioner Budget Approval
Staff presented budget updates.

6. New Business

6.A Presentation from the Ellensburg Mural Society (EMS)

Representatives from the EMS presented information regarding two upcoming events being planned to help raise awareness and funding for Ellensburg Murals and Graffiti abatement.

- Ellensburg Mural Festival, June 26-27, 2026
- Blank Canvas Party, August 8, 2026

There was lively discussion regarding the events and murals within Ellensburg. The Commissioners like the idea of both projects and are encouraged by the work being done.

Commission Decision re: Ellensburg Mural Festival:

EMS provide the confirmation of building owner permission and a schematic of the location of the intended murals in Phoenix Alley. Email submission is fine, no need to come back to Arts Commission meeting.

7. Unfinished Business:

7.A Admission Tax Update—staff gave y/y update on the total paid to the City for admission tax. Still working on scheduling meeting with City Manager.

7.B America 250 Planning Update—staff gave update

7.C Committee Scope of Work Project Update—March 31, 2026

The noted commissioner(s) below will review and/or write the subcommittee scope of work.

Jeff: Creative District—send to staff to review

Therese/Matt/Jensen: Artwalk

Alex/Jerry: Public Art—then send to Matt and Jeff

Project Grant/Funding—Alex/Jerry/Jensen

Awards & Distinction—Jeff/Therese

7.D Interview for Open Commissioner Position

Interview lined up. Noted additional interest by other potential applicants.

7.E Update on National Poetry Month Planning

Staff updated commissioners on the Emerging Ekphrastic Expressions event at Gallery One on April 18, 2026.

8. Subcommittee Business: (move committee report to the retreat)

8.A Project Grant Funding & Advocacy: Jerry/Alex/Staff/Jensen: No update

First Friday Art Walk: Matt/Therese/Jensen/Staff:

- New signage project
- Meeting update

City Art/Public Art: Jerry/Alex/Jeff (Matt): No update

Awards & Distinctions: Jeff/Therese/Alex/Staff: No update

Ellensburg Creative District & Advocacy: Staff/Jeff/Alex/Jensen/Therese

- Update on Quarterly Creative District meeting-Staff/Jeff

9. Staff Update/Discussion Items:

- Bus Shelter update current call and pending open call for Rotary Park with specific parameters.
- PK planning

10. Council Representative Update: No update

11. Adjournment Time: 5:37 pm

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	PROPOSED	2026 EAC Spending Plan		2026 BUDGET	2026 ACTUALS	Outstanding Balance		NOTES
2		REVENUES:						
3								
4		100-162-308-41-00-000-000	Beginning Fund					
5								
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7								
8		100 162 347 90 00	Artwalk					
9		Invoices went out 2/19/26	The Clymer Art Gallery	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
10			Ellensburg Rodeo Hall of Fame	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
11			Gallery One	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
12			Gard Vintners	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
13			Hotel Windrow	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
14			IOOF	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
15			Kittitas County Historical Museum	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
16			NuWave Gallery	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
17			Pearl Street Books	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
18			Rock-n-Roll History Presents	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
19			Royal Junction	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
20			The INK	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
21			The Mule	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
22			The Palace Gallery	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
23			Valo Cellars	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
24			The Fitterer's Blding/Woodin Enterprises	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
25						\$ -		
26						\$ -		
27						\$ -		
28						\$ -		
29		TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 800.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 750.00		
30								
31								
32								
33		EXPENDITURES:		2026 Budget	2026 ACTUALS			
34		100 162 573 20 31	Operating Supplies					
35			Artwalk Annual meeting supplies	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		
36			Artwalk Sidewalk Signs	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00		(\$1,000.00/signs \$500.00 Printing posters)
37			Arts Treasure Award Engraving/Art Plaques	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		
38			Treasure Award Ceremony Supplies	\$ 75.00		\$ 75.00		
39			Arts Treasure/Advocate Awards (creation of award)	\$ 500.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 478.00		
40			Poet Laureate Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 234.31	\$ 1,265.69		
41								
42								
43								
44			Total Operating Supplies	\$ 3,775.00		\$ 3,775.00		
45								
46		100 162 573 20 41	Professional Services					
47			Americans For the Arts membership	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
48			Inspire Washington Membership	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		
49								
50			Total Professional Services	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00		
51								
52		100 162 573 20 43	Professional Development-Travel					
53			Conferences-Travel					
54								
55		100 162 573 20 49	Professional Development-Misc					
56		100 162-573-20-44-013	Admin Services	\$ 13,000.00		\$ 13,000.00		
57		Total Professional Development		\$ 13,150.00		\$ 13,150.00		
58								
59		100 162 573 20 44	Advertising					
60			NPR- for contract year	\$ 1,920.00		\$ 1,920.00		
61			ArtWalk Maps/Posters	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		
62		Total Advertising		\$ 2,920.00		\$ 2,920.00		
63								
64		Ellensburg Creative District						
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66		100-162-558-70-31-558-000	Ellensburg Creative District Supplies	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00		
67								
68		100-162-558-70-35-558-000	Ellensburg Creative District-Small Tools/Eqpmt			\$ -		
69								
70		100-162-558-70-41-558-000	Ellensburg Creative District-Prof. Services			\$ -		
71								
72		100-162-558-70-42-558-000	Ellensburg Creative District-Communication & Marketing			\$ -		
73								
74		Total Ellensburg Creative District		\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00		
75								
76		TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 23,995.00		\$ 23,995.00		(UP TO \$24,000 FOR OPERATIONS/CREATIVE DIST.)
77								
78		Grant Dispersement		2026 BUDGET		Balance		
79		100 162 573 20 40	2026 Art Grants					
80								
81		CWU Sarah Spurgeon Gallery	Ferrous Exhibition	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
82		Make Music Ellensburg	Strum-Along	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
83		Ellensburg Community Radio	GustFest	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
84		Calliope Arts	Shakespeare in Unity Park	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
85		LHAF dba Valley Theatre Company	Rising Star: Tuck Everlasting	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
86		Central Washington Dance Academy	Peter Pan	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
87		Ellensburg Dance Ensemble	2026 Dance Season	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
88		Jane Orleman	Totem Restoration	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		
89		Discovery Lab of Ellensburg	Shrub Steppe The Musical	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
90		Nuwave Gallery	UNIFY: The Art of Coming Together	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		
91						\$ -		
92								
93		Total Art Grants		\$ 22,000.00		\$ 22,000.00		
94								
95		Capitol/Public Art		2026 BUDGET		Balance		
96		100 162 573 20 40	Capital/Public Art					
97			City Permanent Acquisition	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
98			Public Art Plaquards	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00		Erin Oostra \$500.00 for bus shelter art
99								
100								
101		Total Capitol/Public Art		\$ 4,000.00				
102								
103		Total Budget	\$50,000.00	\$ 49,995.00				
104								
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106								
107		Beginning Fund Balance						
108								
109		100-162-308-31-00-000-000	Restricted Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 24,207.00				
110		100-162-308-41-00-000-000	Committed Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 4,353.00				
111								
112								



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Letter of Intent to Donate Artwork

Date: April 2, 2026

To: City of Ellensburg City Arts Collection

Address: 501 N. Anderson St Ellensburg WA 98926

From: Tim Cornia / buddy's barkery

Address: 109 E. 3rd Ave Unit 7 Ellensburg WA 98926

Contact: 509-260-2275 / tim@everybuddysbarkery.com

RE: Intent to Donate Metal Art Sculptures for Nodes 30 and 31

Dear Ellensburg Arts Commission,

Please accept this letter as a formal expression of my intent to donate two original metal art sculptures to City of Ellensburg City Art Collection for permanent installation in the public spaces designated as **Node 30** (installed August 2025) and **Node 31**.

Description of Artwork:

- **Sculpture 1 (Node 30) - unnamed:** Created by Cody Thompson of CM MetalWorks. Material: Corten Steel. Dimensions: 48"H x 30"W. Value \$280. This piece was installed August 2025.
- **Proposed Sculpture 2 (Node 31) - unnamed:** Created by Cody Thompson of CM MetalWorks. Material: Corten Steel. Dimensions: 48"H x 20"W. Value \$300

Purpose and Terms:

This donation is intended to enhance the aesthetic and cultural value of the downtown Ellensburg community. Each sculpture is created from Corten Steel and is powder coated. The pieces will patina over time. There is little/no maintenance needed.

I affirm that I am the sole owner of these works and hold all legal rights to transfer title to City of Ellensburg City Art Collection. This letter represents a statement of my present intentions and is not a legally binding contract; I look forward to entering into a formal **Deed of Gift** or **Donation Agreement** upon your approval, if needed.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to public art. I have attached images for your review.

Sincerely,

Tim Cornia

Tim Cornia



Existing Sculpture to be donated

New Proposed Artwork



City of Ellensburg Admission Tax category history

Year	Total
2016	\$ 102,836.00
2017	\$ 100,808.00
2018	\$ 106,160.00
2019	\$ 106,812.00
2020	\$ 19,932.00
2021	\$ 57,613.00
2022	\$ 120,625.00
2023	\$ 116,776.00
2024	\$ 86,321.00
2025	\$ 92,216.00
Total	\$ 740,338.00

10 Y Average: \$ 91,009.90

*amounts shown are rounded to nearest dollar

From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2025 9:48 PM
To: Gretchen Delaford <delafordg@ellensburgwa.gov>
Subject: [Ext] Online Form Submittal: Application for Appointment

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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:	Anne Pflug
Address	306 South Pearl Street
Mailing Address (If Different)	Oz Productions, A creative company
City	Ellensburg
State	WA
Zip	98926
Email Address	AnnePflug@gmail.com
Phone Number	425.785.8557
Length of Residency in Kittitas County	23 years

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: Retired from public administration career. Currently own and operate an art studio in downtown Ellensburg. I am a metal and fiber artist showing my work primarily in the NW. I produce art, teach classes and write at my studio on S. Pearl. Trained in metal smithing at CWU.

Organization Affiliations: Kittitas County Fiber Artist Roundtable, Valley Voices, St Andrews Catholic Church Choir and Gallery One.

Why are you seeking appointment? I would like to see the Ellensburg Creative District grow and provide opportunities for others to learn and practice the performing and visual art.

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 Affordable Housing Commission

Boards & Commissions *Field not completed.*

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From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>
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Please note that information provided on this application form is subject to Chapter 42.56 RCW: Public Records Act. If recommended for appointment, your application will be submitted to the City Council in the public agenda packet.

Boards & Commissions Arts Commission

Have you attended a meeting for the board or commission you are applying to? Yes

Name of Applicant: Emily Jacobs

Address 403 S Pine Street

Mailing Address (If Different) *Field not completed.*

City Ellensburg

State WA

Zip 98926

Email Address rangerem@yahoo.com

Phone Number 2094840379

Length of Residency in Kittitas County 11 1/2 years

Do you live within the city limits? Yes

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Occupation Status and Background: I am employed part time for an organization that is working to depolarize America and also am self employed, having my own consulting and mediation company. My background is largely in public lands/storytelling (interpretation) but in the last 3-5 years I have been working to expand that work into helping businesses, main street communities and other entities better tell their stories within their communities. I have been an avid supporter of the arts all of my life and also teach part time ceramics classes at Gallery One.

Organization Affiliations: Member of the WA Museum Association, Independent Museum Practitioners Group and the National Association for Interpretation.

Why are you seeking appointment? During my time as an Ellensburg resident, I have served on many committees including being Vice President of the former Kittitas County Habitat for Humanity and the City of Ellensburg's Environmental Commission. I believe strongly in public service and want to contribute any way I can to do meaningful work. I believe Ellensburg is a bit of a community in crisis, investigating the tension between who we have been (a rural, small town) with who we are becoming (a growing community filled with people who have moved in from the west side, merging with folks who grew up here). In this tension, I believe the arts can serve as a bridge between these two communities and would love to support the work. I also am extremely excited about how the arts have been growing here... from outdoor summer Shakespeare to community bands

and Phoenix Alley-- there are many exciting things going on
and I would love to help to support it!

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
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