

# AGENDA

## ARTS COMMISSION

### March 12, 2026

Hybrid Meeting In-person and via Zoom



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**CITY OF ELLENSBURG  
ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA  
Council Chambers  
501 North Anderson Street  
Ellensburg, WA 98926  
And remotely via Zoom  
Thursday, March 12, 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 Lopez, Commissioner Young, Council Member Beauchamp

**2. Citizen Comment**

**3. Approval of Agenda (No Public Comment)**

3.A Review and approve March 12, 2026, Arts Commission Agenda

**4. Approval of Minutes**

4.A Review and approve the February 12, 2026, Arts Commission meeting minutes

**5. Budget/Financial Report**

5.A YTD 2026 Arts Commission Budget Update

**6. New Business**

6.A Presentation from the Ellensburg Mural Society

**7. Unfinished Business**

7.A Admission Tax Update

7.B America 250 Plannng--Update

7.C Committee Scope of Work Project---Update

7.D Interview for Open Commissioner Position

7.E Update on the National Poetry Month Planning

**8. Subcommittee Business**

8.A

1. Project Grant & Funding: Jerry, Jensen, Alex
2. First Friday Art Walk: Matt, Jensen, Therese
  - o New signage project
  - o Meeting update
3. City Art/Public Art: Alex, Jerry, Jeff, Matt

4. Awards & Distinctions: Jeff, Therese, Alex
5. Ellensburg Creative District: 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**  
**Meeting Date of Meeting**  
**Start Time of Meeting**  
**Place of Meeting**

**Arts Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**February 12, 2026**  
**4:02 PM**  
**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,  
Councilmember Beauchamp  
Absent:  
Welcome guest:

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve February 12, 2026, Arts Commission meeting as presented.  
By: Commissioner Snedeker  
Seconded: Commissioner Lopez  
In Favor: All in favor  
Opposed: None  
Abstain: None  
Motion Carries

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve January 8, 2026, Arts Commission meeting minutes as presented.  
By: Commissioner Snedeker  
Seconded: Commissioner Wenz  
In Favor: All  
Opposed: None  
Abstain: None  
Motion Carries

**4. Budget/Financial Report**

4.A 2026 Proposed Budget Review and Commissioner Budget Approval  
Staff presented budget YTD updates for 2026 for Commissioners.

## 5. New Business

### 5.A Admission Tax Presentation

Commissioner Dougherty gave presentation on history of the Admission Tax to the Art Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the effect the tax is having on smaller organizations that are awarded project grants and other creative businesses and organizations in the community. Tax has not been updated since creation in 1994.

Staff will continue to keep this on the agenda as Unfinished Business.

Next Steps:

1. Set up a meeting with the City Manager to discuss the tax overall and how it is managed and suggest:

- a. Discuss potentially raising the threshold
- b. How it is affecting orgs. and grant awardees
- c. Options for how it is managed/collected

2. Arts Commission:

- a. Change language on project grant application to note that grants cannot be used to pay admission tax.
- b. Work with community organizations on education of the tax and how to track/pay (if applicable)

Action Item:

1. Staff set up meeting with City Manager, Finance Dept., and Art Commissioners.
2. Request 2025 Admission Tax report from Finance Dept.

### 5.B America 250 Planning Update and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event

Staff updated Commission on the America 250 planning and discussed a potential 4<sup>th</sup> of July Community Picnic in Unity Park to honor county veterans. The picnic will be from 2:00-6:00 pm and cross promote the Cle Elum Fireworks Show. The itinerary would include live music, art in the park, speakers, and be the Creative District event for the year. Staff is looking for help planning the event.

### 5.C Genevieve Tuck Painting Donation

Staff showed the Commissioners the latest piece in the public art collection, a Genevieve Tuck painting, donated by her foundation. It is a painting of a building in downtown Ellensburg. It will be hung at City Hall.

## **6. Unfinished Business:**

### 6.A Subcommittee Scope of Work Documents

Scope of Work documents for the subcommittees will need updating for 2026 based on the recent EAC retreat.

Have drafts for two of the five subcommittees: First Friday Art Walk and Awards & Distinctions.

The other three subcommittees are in process.

### 6.B Arts Commission Applicant: Anne Pflug Discussion

Applicant attending January Arts Commission meeting and commissioners would like to move her application to the interview process.

Action Item: Staff will set up applicant interview.

## **7. Subcommittee Business:**

### 7.A Project Grant Funding & Advocacy: Jerry/Alex/Staff/Jensen

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

Discussed two new venues for FFAW

Discussed the need for updating signs for FFAW

City Art/Public Art: Jerry/Alex/Jeff (Matt)

Awards & Distinctions: Jeff/Therese/Alex/Staff

Discussed the upcoming Poet Laureate events

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

Action Item for all subcommittees:

- Set up subcommittee meetings.
- Review and/or create committee scope of work document.

**8. Citizen Comment:** No citizen comment given

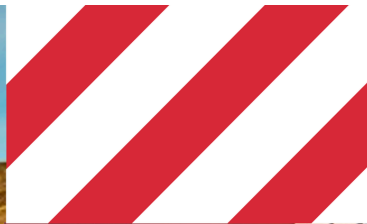
**9. Staff Update/Discussion Items:** No staff update beyond previous items

**10. Council Representative Update:** No report given

**11. Adjournment Time:** 5:25 pm

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	<b>PROPOSED 2026 EAC Spending Plan</b>			<b>2026 BUDGET</b>	<b>2026 ACTUALS</b>	<b>Outstanding Balance</b>		<b>NOTES</b>
2		<b>REVENUES:</b>						
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4		<b>100-162-308-41-00-000-000</b>	<b>Beginning Fund</b>					
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8		<b>100 162 347 90 00</b>	<b>Artwalk</b>					
9		<b>Invoices went out 2/19/26</b>	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			IQOF	\$ 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		<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>\$ 800.00</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>		
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33		<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>2026 ACTUALS</b>			
34		<b>100 162 573 20 31</b>	<b>Operating Supplies</b>					
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		\$ 1,500.00		
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44			<b>Total Operating Supplies</b>	<b>\$ 3,775.00</b>		<b>\$ 3,775.00</b>		
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46		<b>100 162 573 20 41</b>	<b>Professional Services</b>					
47			Americans For the Arts membership	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
48			Inspire Washington Membership	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		
49								
50			<b>Total Professional Services</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>		<b>\$ 150.00</b>		
51								
52		<b>100 162 573 20 43</b>	<b>Professional Development-Travel</b>					
53			Conferences-Travel					
54								
55		<b>100 162 573 20 49</b>	<b>Professional Development-Misc</b>					
56		<b>100 162-573-20-44-013</b>	<b>Admin Services</b>	\$ 13,000.00		\$ 13,000.00		
57		<b>Total Professional Development</b>		<b>\$ 13,150.00</b>		<b>\$ 13,150.00</b>		
58								
59		<b>100 162 573 20 44</b>	<b>Advertising</b>					
60			NPR- for contract year	\$ 1,920.00		\$ 1,920.00		
61			ArtWalk Maps/Posters	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		
62		<b>Total Advertising</b>		<b>\$ 2,920.00</b>		<b>\$ 2,920.00</b>		
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64		<b>Ellensburg Creative District</b>						

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66		100-162-558-70-31-558-000	Ellensburg Creative District Supplies	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00		
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68		100-162-558-70-35-558-000	Ellensburg Creative District-Small Tools/Eqpmt			\$ -		
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70		100-162-558-70-41-558-000	Ellensburg Creative District-Prof. Services			\$ -		
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72		100-162-558-70-42-558-000	Ellensburg Creative District-Communication & Marketing			\$ -		
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74		<b>Total Ellensburg Creative District</b>		<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>		
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76		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$ 23,995.00</b>		<b>\$ 23,995.00</b>		<b>(UP TO \$24,000 FOR OPERATIONS/CREATIVE DIST.)</b>
77								
78		<b>Grant Dispersement</b>		<b>2026 BUDGET</b>		<b>Balance</b>		
79		<b>100 162 573 20 40</b>	<b>2026 Art Grants</b>					
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		<b>Total Art Grants</b>		<b>\$ 22,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 22,000.00</b>		
94								
95		<b>Capitol/Public Art</b>		<b>2026 BUDGET</b>		<b>Balance</b>		
96		<b>100 162 573 20 40</b>	<b>Capital/Public Art</b>					
97			City Permanent Acquisition	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
98			Public Art Plaquards	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00		
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101		<b>Total Capitol/Public Art</b>		<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>				
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103		<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 49,995.00</b>				
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107		<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>						
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				
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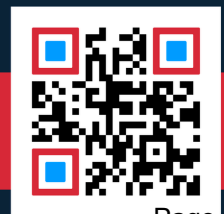
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**June 14, 2026**

**Flag Day in Kittitas County**

**July 4, 2026**

**Independence Day Celebrations**

- Pioneer Days Parade in Cle Elum 8:00am-12:00pm
- Community Picnic at Unity Park 2:00-6:00pm
- Pioneer Days Fireworks Show in Cle Elum 7:00-10:15pm

**August 8, 2026**

**Kittitas County Museum Day**

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