



**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

