



**CITY OF ELLENSBURG**

**Arts Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date of Meeting**

**May 14, 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 Young, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner-elect, Emily Jacobs

Absent: Commissioner Wenz, excused, and Council Liaison, Beauchamp, excused.

Welcome guests: Richard Freeman

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve May 14, 2026, Arts Commission amended agenda with the noted corrections to the date on Item 5, Budget/Financial Report from YTD 2023 to YTD 2026.

By: Commissioner Snedeker

Seconded: Commissioner Dougherty

In Favor: All in favor

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carries

**3. Public Comment** No public comment given

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve April 9, 2026, 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 YTD 2026 Arts Commission Budget Update  
Staff presented budget updates.

## **6. New Business**

### **6.A Upcoming Events**

- Thursday, MAY 21, 2026, 5:00-8:00 pm PechaKucha: Breaking Through the Soil Update: This event was cancelled due to lack of participation. Will try to reschedule for August/September
- Saturday, May 30, 2026, 11:00-1:00 pm Pastoral Poetry at Irene Rinehart Park (registration required) Update: As of this meeting, there are seven registrants with two weeks left.
- Monday, June 1, 2026, 11:00 am Inspire WA in Ellensburg at Gallery One  
Commissioner Dougherty encouraged attendance.
- Wednesday, June 10-Friday June 12th Creative District Convening in Moses Lake Update: Staff is attending, Alex Eyre unable to attend, as will Jessica Solberg Black, Executive Director Valley Theatre Company and Vice-Chair of the Ellensburg Arts & Cultural Alliance

### **6.B Metal archway sculpture on Main Street Discussion and Update**

Staff gave update on new building owners' plans for the parking lot on Main Street. Building owner had reached out to the City regarding the easement that the archway is located in. Artwork is not city property; it was privately commissioned. Building owner is reviewing plans with Community Development and if plans are approved, will reach back out regarding the archway.

- 6.C Project Grant Scope of Work Change Request: (formerly Venue Change Request) for ECR's Gust Fest—Discussion—Revised Scope of Work Request will come before the commission for decision at June's meeting.

## **7. Unfinished Business:**

- 7.A Bus Shelters: General Conversation based on recent discussions with transit manager/staff liaison for the ETAC. They would like to see all

shelter calls for artists to be themed specific to the location of the shelter and seem to want more of a decision-making role with regards to art for the bus shelters. There are concerns with both of those requests from Arts Commission staff liaison and Arts Commission Chair, Alex Eyre. Based on discussion at the Arts Commission meeting, the Arts Commission shares staff and Chair concerns. This will need further dialogue, and staff suggests setting up a meeting between two members of each committee and committee staff to be able to address and find workable options.

•Bus Shelters: Call for Rotary Park:

**Action Item**: Staff update with the listed edits below and send the Bus Shelter Call for Artist to the subcommittee team for review/approval

1. template with example art
2. Blank template with dimensions

**Action Item** Incorporate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the bus shelter art program.

•Bus Shelter: Brooklane Village--Art Selection--Jeannie Johnson, selected artist

Motion to approve Option F (Option 6 as submitted) for the Brooklane Village Bus Shelter.

By: Commissioner Snedeker

Seconded: Commissioner Young

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carries

**Action Item** Staff notify artist of selection and prepare stipend contract for \$500.00

•Bus Shelters: Sue Wright update--approved and moving forward & Erin Oostra update

•Upcoming locations: Fish Food Bank and 11th & Wildcat Way (Northbound)

7.B Updates:

- Mural Festival

Secured building owner's permission, moving forward.

- Donation of sculptures by Tim Cornia in downtown nodes 30/31  
City Risk Manager rejected proposed sculpture design for node 31 for creating potential risk to the public. Staff communicated to Tim Cornia, and artist will redesign and send over for review.

No movement on the changes requested to the artwork in node 30.

- A-250 Planning update: Staff gave update to commissioners.

7.C Community Calendar Update: Staff reviewed social media marketing campaign and gave update on final API pieces at CWU.

## 8. Subcommittee Business:

8.A

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

**Action Item:** resend an editable document to Jerry/Alex/Jensen for editing.

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

- Review windsock and window decal design. Commission review and action.

Motion to approve design as presented for both the new EAC Windsock and window decal for art walk venues.

By: Commissioner Snedeker

Seconded: Commissioner Jensen

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carries

**Action Item:** Staff work with Commissioner Wenz to get items ordered. Budgeted item.

C. City Art/Public Art: Jerry/Alex/Jeff (Matt): Meeting with Creative West scheduled to discuss online archive public art forms.

D. Awards & Distinctions: Jeff/Therese/Alex/Staff: Review timelines and action items

**Action Item:** Need to discuss timeline and planning for nomination process for Arts Treasure & Art Advocate awards.

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

Update: ECD is focused on implementation of the four goals of the 2026 ECD Strategic Plan:

1. Establish and expand ECD regional presence. Updated with ECD Newsletter, listing events with ArtsWA, regional sm campaign, and community calendar.
2. Finish implementation of the community calendar. Update given
3. Continuing grant writing workshop series.
4. Creating an ArtPreneur Workshop: From Passion to Profits

**9. Staff Update/Discussion Items:** No additional updates given.

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

**11. Adjournment Time:** 5:30 pm

