

AGENDA

ARTS COMMISSION

August 13, 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, August 13, 2026
4:00 PM - Regular Meeting**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Approval of Agenda (No Public Comment)

2.A Motion to approve the August 13, 2026, Arts Commission Agenda as presented.

3. Public Comment

4. Approval of Minutes

4.A Motion to approve the June 11, 2026, Arts Commission meeting minutes as presented.

5. Budget/Financial Report

5.A YTD 2026 Arts Commission Budget Update

6. New Business

6.A PLACES Conference Discussion/Request

6.B Community Updates

7. Unfinished Business

7.A Creative West Update & Next Steps

7.B Open Call for Artist: Rotary Park Bus Shelter

8. Subcommittee Business

8.A 1. Project Grants/Funding & Advocacy
2. First Friday Art Walk
3. City Art/Public Art

- New Public Art Donation at Library

4. Awards & Distinctions

- Arts Treasure/Arts Advocate

5. Ellensburg Creative District

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:

June 11, 2026

Start Time of Meeting:

4:03 PM

Place of Meeting:

City Hall, Council Conference Room and Zoom

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

1.A Commissioner Dougherty, Commissioner Snedeker, Commissioner Wenz, Commissioner Lopez, and Commissioner Jacobs

Absent: Chair Eyre, excused, and Commissioner Young, excused, Beauchamp, excused

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the June 11, 2026, Art Commission agenda as presented.

By: Commissioner Snedeker

Seconded: Commissioner Jacobs

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 May 14, 2026, Arts Commission minutes as presented.

By: Commissioner Lopez

Seconded: Commissioner Snedeker

In Favor: All

Opposed: None
Abstain: None
Motion: Carries

5. YTD 2026 Arts Commission Budget Update

Budget updates were presented. Staff noted there are only four First Friday Art Walk venues that have not paid (\$200 outstanding).

6. New Business None.

7. Unfinished Business

7.A Ellensburg Community Radio (ECR) Project Grant Scope of Work Change Request

Commissioner Dougherty provided an update on the request.

Motion to support ECR's change in scope for their 2026 project grant.

By: Commissioner Snedeker

Seconded: Commissioner Jacobs

Discussion: Noted they had a successful tiny desk concert (Tinned Fish) recently on The Ink stage and it was a packed event.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion: Carries

7.B Art Walk Signage Windsock Quote

Motion to approve the expenditure of \$1,128 + tax for 20 windsocks.

By: Commissioner Lopez

Seconded: Commissioner Wenz

Discussion: Let venues determine how they want to hang the windsock and if additional hardware is needed, revisit it. It will be a transition to change the public's behavior to look for the windsocks instead of the a-frames and both can be up for a transition period.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion: Carries

8. Subcommittee Business

8.A 1. Project Grants/Funding & Advocacy: Commissioner Dougherty reported that changes have been sent to City staff and the grants go live on June 22 and close in August.

2. First Friday Art Walk: Commissioner Wenz will distribute the First Friday Art Walk stickers. Staff shared where the FFAW schedule is updated on the City website.

3. City Art/Public Art: Commissioner Dougherty shared information about Creative West's free Public Art Archive and how it could be a solution for the City's art collection by serving as a digitized collection with a public facing website. There are some paid options that have features not included in the free version. The highest version is \$1,500 and includes migration. Discussion was unanimous to explore this option further. Commissioner Dougherty will email Arts Commission staff the quote and budget request for formal consideration at a future meeting.

Commissioner Dougherty brought up the staff report request to advise on the potential donated art from Buddy's Barkery and unanimously agreed they cannot accept the artwork if it has a logo.

4. Awards & Distinctions: Commissioner Snedeker called attention to the Arts Treasure/Arts Advocate Award information in the Staff Report and noted that Arts Commission members are allowed to make nominations; they just can't nominate Arts Commission members.

5. Ellensburg Creative District: No updates.

9. Arts Commission Community Updates

- Commissioner Dougherty noted Inspire WA was in Ellensburg recently and gave a report on the legislative session.
- Commissioner Jacobs noted the Ellensburg Mural Festival is June 27-28 and is looking for volunteers.
- Commissioner Snedeker provided a brief update on the America 250 Community Picnic celebration.

10. Staff Update/Discussion Items: See staff report.

11. Council Representative Update: No updates given.

12. Adjournment Time: 4:55 p.m.

	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								
6								
7								
8		100 162 347 90 00	Artwalk					
9		Invoices went out 2/19/26	The Clymer Art Gallery	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
10		Updated payments as of 4/8/26	Ellensburg Rodeo Hall of Fame	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
11		Resent Invoices on 5/4/26	Gallery One	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
12		Resent Invoices on 6/08/26	Gard Vintners	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		New contact for payment 8/06/26
13		Reminder emails 08/05/26	Hotel Windrow	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
14			IOOF (Ellensburg Odd Fellows)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
15			Kittitas County Historical Museum	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
16								
17			Pearl Street Books	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
18			Rock-n-Roll History Presents					Opted out of being a venue.
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		\$ 700.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 50.00		
30								
31								
32								
33		EXPENDITURES:		2026 Budget	2026 ACTUALS	2026 Balance		
34		100 162 573 20 31	Operating Supplies					
35			Artwalk Annual meeting supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 104.26	\$ (4.26)		Name tags for all commissioners
36			Artwalk Sidewalk Signs	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 145.52	\$ 1,354.48		Window decals for venues
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	\$ 360.72	\$ 1,139.28		includes supplies for the Ekphrastic Poetry event
41								
42								
43								
44			Total Operating Supplies	\$ 3,775.00	\$ 632.50	\$ 3,142.50		
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	\$ -		Paid 06/30/26
49								
50			Total Professional Services	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00		
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	\$ 100.00	\$ 13,050.00		
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	\$ 1,920.00	\$ 1,000.00		
63								
64		Ellensburg Creative District						
65								
66		100-162-558-70-31-558-000	Ellensburg Creative District Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 89.91	\$ 910.09		Community Picnic Supplies (ECD event)

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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	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00		
71								
72		100-162-558-70-42-558-000	Ellensburg Creative District-Communication & Marketing	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		
73								
74		Total Ellensburg Creative District		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 89.91	\$ 3,910.09		
75								
76		TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 23,995.00	\$ 2,842.41	\$ 21,152.59		
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	\$ 2,459.00	\$ 41.00		Submitted for reimbursement on 07/23/26
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	\$ 2,499.39	\$ 0.61		Submitted for reimbursement on 5/15/26
86		Central Washington Dance Academy	Peter Pan	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -		Submitted for reimbursement on 7/22/26
87		Ellensburg Dance Ensemble	2026 Dance Season	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00		Submitted for reimbursement on 6/14/26
88		Jane Orleman	Website Development	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		Changed scope of work in January 2026 and approved in Feb
89		Discovery Lab of Ellensburg	Shrub Steppe The Musical	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -		Submitted for reimbursement on 8/5/26
90		Nuwave Gallery	UNIFY: The Art of Coming Together	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -		Submitted for reimbursement on 5/6/26
91						\$ -		
92								
93		Total Art Grants		\$ 22,000.00	\$ 12,458.39	\$ 9,541.61		
94								
95		Capitol/Public Art		2026 BUDGET		Balance		
96		100 162 573 20 40	Capital/Public Art					
97			City Permanent Acquisition	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00		Erin Oostra and Jeannie Johnson-\$500.00/each BS Art
98			Public Art Plaquards	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 34.75	\$ 1,465.25		For Barn Quilt and new donated public art piece at City Hall
99								
100								
101		Total Capitol/Public Art		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,034.75	\$ 2,965.25		
102								
103		Total Budget	\$50,000.00	\$ 49,995.00	\$ 16,335.55	\$ 33,659.45		
104								
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106								
107		Beginning Fund Balance						
108								
109		100-162-308-31-00-000-000	Restricted Beginning Fund Balance					
110		100-162-308-41-00-000-000	Committed Beginning Fund Balance					
111								
112								

Public Art Collection Donation Form

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DONOR INFORMATION

Donor Name: [REDACTED]

Organization (if applicable)

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

ARTWORK INFORMATION

Title of Artwork: DRY FALLS, WA

Artist Name: ERNEST NORLING

Year Created: _____

Medium/Materials: WATER COLOR PAINTING

Dimensions (H x W x D): 20 3/4" x 26"

Weight (if applicable): _____

Edition Number (if applicable): _____

Current Estimated Value: _____

ARTWORK DESCRIPTION

Please provide a brief description of the artwork, including concept, subject matter, significance, and any relevant history.

SEE LIBRARY ARCHIVES FOR NORLING'S ASSOCIATION WITH ELLENSBURG.

INSTALLATION / DISPLAY INFORMATION

Is the artwork intended for:

- ☒ Indoor Display
☐ Outdoor Display
☐ Either

Special installation requirements or considerations:

Maintenance requirements or known conservation needs:

OWNERSHIP & LEGAL INFORMATION

By signing below, the donor certifies that:

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- Submission of this form does not guarantee acceptance into the Public Art Collection.

Does the donor wish to receive acknowledgment in public materials?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Preferred donor recognition name (if applicable):

SUPPORTING MATERIALS CHECKLIST

Please include the following with your submission:

- ☐ High-resolution images of the artwork
- ☒ Artist biography or résumé (if available)
- ☐ Provenance or ownership history (if available)
- ☐ Installation instructions (if applicable)
- ☐ Maintenance/conservation documentation (if applicable)

SIGNATURES

Donor Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: June 26, 2026

CITY OF ELLENSBURG USE ONLY

Date Received: _____

Reviewed By: _____

Recommendation:

- ☐ Accepted
- ☐ Declined
- ☐ Pending Additional Information

Notes:

City Representative Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Donor Name: [REDACTED]

Organization (if applicable):

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

ARTWORK INFORMATION

Title of Artwork: RIVER

Artist Name: BOBBIE HALPERIN

Year Created: _____

Medium/Materials: OIL PAINTING

Dimensions (H x W x D): 60" x 39"

Weight (if applicable): _____

Edition Number (if applicable): _____

Current Estimated Value: _____

ARTWORK DESCRIPTION

Please provide a brief description of the artwork, including concept, subject matter, significance, and any relevant history.

SEE LIBRARY ARCHIVES FOR HALPERIN'S ASSOCIATION WITH ELLENSBURG. HALPERIN RESIDENCE WAS A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE YAKIMA RIVER ON HIGHWAY 10 JUST SOUTH OF THE THORPE RD. INTERSECTION

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SIGNATURES

Donor Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: June 2, 2016

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Reviewed By: _____

Recommendation:

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DONOR INFORMATION

Donor Name: [REDACTED]

ARTWORK INFORMATION

Title of Artwork: LIFE, LOVE, TIME, GAME

Artist Name: RICHARD BEYER

Year Created: _____

Medium/Materials: CAST ALUMINUM

Dimensions (H x W x D): 20"

Weight (if applicable): _____

Edition Number (if applicable): _____

Current Estimated Value: _____

ARTWORK DESCRIPTION

Please provide a brief description of the artwork, including concept, subject matter, significance, and any relevant history.

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re: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
June 26, 26

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