

AGENDA

ARTS COMMISSION

September 10, 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, September 10, 2026
4:00 PM - Regular Meeting**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

1.A Commissioner Dougherty, Commissioner Jacobs, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Snedeker, Commissioner Wenz, Commissioner Young, Chair Alex Eyre, Council Representative Beauchamp

2. Approval of Agenda (No Public Comment)

2.A Approval of the September 10, 2026, Arts Commission Agenda

3. Public Comment

4. Approval of Minutes

4.A Review/Approval of the August 13, 2026, Arts Commission Meeting Minutes.

5. Budget/Financial Report

5.A YTD 2026 Arts Commission Budget Update

6. New Business

6.A 2027 EAC Project Grant Training

7. Unfinished Business

7.A Creative West Update

7.B Open Call for Artist Updates/Bus Shelter Updates

8. Subcommittee Business

8.A

1. Project Grant Funding & Advocacy: Jerry/Alex/Jensen/Staff
2. First Friday Art Walk: Matt/Therese/Jensen/Staff
3. City Art Collection/Public Art: Jerry/Alex/Jeff/Matt
4. Awards & Distinctions: Jeff/Therese/Alex/Staff
 - Recommended selection of Arts Treasure/Arts Advocate awards
 - Planning update on Awards Ceremony
5. Ellensburg Creative District: Staff/Jeff/Alex/Emily/Therese

9. Staff Update/Discussion Items

9.A Poetry Retreat Planning: Ames House: November 14, 2026

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

August 13, 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 Wenz,

Absent: Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Jacobs-excused, Council
Liaison, Beauchamp

Welcome guests: Monica Miller, Inspire Washington, Richard Freeman

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Move to approve August 13, 2026, Arts Commission as presented.

By: Commissioner Snedeker
Second: Commissioner Young
Discussion: No discussion
In Favor: All in favor
Opposed: None
Abstain: None
Motion Carries

3. Public Comment No public comment.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Move to approve June 11, 2026, Arts Commission meeting minutes as presented.

By: Commissioner Dougherty
Second: Commissioner Snedeker
Discussion: No discussion
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 PLACES Conference Discussion/Request

Monica Miller, Inspire Washington (IW) and PLACES Conference. Gave an overview of the work of Inspire Washington and the upcoming networking event IW is hosting during the conference on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026, from 4:30-6:30 pm at Gallery One.

Requested partnership with the Arts Commission to co-host and financially contribute to event planning.

Motion: Move to support Inspire Washington event at the PLACES conference with \$250.00 from the Ellensburg Creative District budget and \$250.00 from the Arts Commission budget.

By: Commissioner Snedeker

Second: Commissioner Dougherty

Discussion: Staff will supply Inspire Washington with both the Creative District logo and the Arts Commission logo for event.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carries

6.B Community Updates:

i. IOOF Lodge 20 Update.

ii. Shrub Steppe Performance and meeting.

iii. Meeting with ECR

7. Unfinished Business:

7.A Creative West Update

Creative West sent the contract to Commissioner Dougherty, and he will forward to staff to begin internal review.

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

No current submissions. Commission instructed staff to leave open until

submissions are received.

8. Subcommittee Business:

8.A

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

- Project Grants close on August 31, 2026.

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

- Positive feedback from venues on new window decal and windsock.
- Need to make sure all venues have them.

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

- Commissioner Dougherty updated on Creative West above.
- Four new pieces were donated to the Public Art Collection through the Public Library. Commissioners reviewed and discussed the pieces.

Motion: Move to accept all four donated art pieces to the City of Ellensburg's permanent public art collection.

By: Commissioner Snedeker

Second: Commissioner Young

Discussion: No discussion

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carries

D. Awards & Distinctions: Jeff/Therese/Alex/Staff: Commissioner Snedeker gave update on sub-committee work and next steps.

Action Item: Set up subcommittee meeting for planning event.

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

- Staff shared the ECD marketing strategy with commission.
- Submitted ArtsWA Creative District Annual Report
- Ellensburg Creative District was asked to participate in AWC upcoming webinar on Creative Districts.
- Staff gave Creative District Convening update

9. Staff Update/Discussion Items:

Shared EAC Sept./Oct./Nov./Dec Commission Work Plan

10. Council Representative Update: No update given.

11. Adjournment Time: 5:33 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					
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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		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		
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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								
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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			JotForm Annual Subscription	\$ 325.00	\$ 303.23	\$ 21.77		Paid 09/04/26
50								
51			Total Professional Services	\$ 475.00	\$ 403.23	\$ 71.77		
52								
53		100 162 573 20 43	Professional Development-Travel					
54			Conferences-Travel					
55								
56		100 162 573 20 49	Professional Development-Misc					
57		100 162-573-20-44-013	Admin Services	\$ 13,000.00		\$ 13,000.00		
58		Total Professional Development		\$ 13,475.00	\$ 403.23	\$ 13,071.77		
59								
60		100 162 573 20 44	Advertising					
61			NPR- for contract year	\$ 1,920.00	\$ 1,920.00	\$ -		
62			ArtWalk Maps/Posters	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		
63		Total Advertising		\$ 2,920.00	\$ 1,920.00	\$ 1,000.00		
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65		Ellensburg Creative District						
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67		100-162-558-70-31-558-000	Ellensburg Creative District Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 89.91	\$ 910.09		Community Picnic Supplies (ECD event)
68								
69		100-162-558-70-35-558-000	Ellensburg Creative District-Small Tools/Eqpmt			\$ -		
70								
71		100-162-558-70-41-558-000	Ellensburg Creative District-Prof. Services	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00		
72								
73		100-162-558-70-42-558-000	Ellensburg Creative District-Communication & Marketing	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		
74								
75		Total Ellensburg Creative District		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 89.91	\$ 3,910.09		
76								
77		TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 24,645.00	\$ 3,448.87	\$ 21,196.13		
78								
79		Grant Dispersement		2026 BUDGET		Balance		
80		100 162 573 20 40	2026 Art Grants					
81								
82		CWU Sarah Spurgeon Gallery	Ferrous Exhibition	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,459.00	\$ 41.00		Submitted for reimbursement on 07/23/26
83		Make Music Ellensburg	Strum-Along	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
84		Ellensburg Community Radio	GustFest	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
85		Calliope Arts	Shakespeare in Unity Park	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,492.86	\$ 7.14		Submitted for reimbursement on 8/17/26
86		LHAF dba Valley Theatre Company	Rising Star: Tuck Everlasting	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,499.39	\$ 0.61		Submitted for reimbursement on 5/15/26
87		Central Washington Dance Academy	Peter Pan	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -		Submitted for reimbursement on 7/22/26
88		Ellensburg Dance Ensemble	2026 Dance Season	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00		Submitted for reimbursement on 6/14/26
89		Jane Orleman	Website Development	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		Forfeit the funding via email on 1/15/26 @ellensburgarts
90		Discovery Lab of Ellensburg	Shrub Steppe The Musical	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -		Submitted for reimbursement on 8/5/26
91		Nuwave Gallery	UNIFY: The Art of Coming Together	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -		Submitted for reimbursement on 5/6/26
92						\$ -		
93								
94		Total Art Grants		\$ 22,000.00	\$ 14,951.25	\$ 7,048.75		
95								
96		Capitol/Public Art		2026 BUDGET		Balance		
97		100 162 573 20 40	Capital/Public Art					
98			City Permanent Acquisition	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00		Erin Oostra and Jeannie Johnson-\$500.00/each BS Art
99			Public Art Plaquards	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 34.75	\$ 1,465.25		For Barn Quilt and new donated public art piece at City Hall
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101								
102		Total Capitol/Public Art		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,034.75	\$ 2,965.25		
103								
104		Total Budget	\$50,000.00	\$ 50,645.00	\$ 19,434.87	\$ 31,210.13		
105								