

Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting

July 22, 2025

12:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 305 SW A Street

Contact skerr@bentonvillear.com to request participation via Zoom.



MINUTES – Approved 8/26/2025

Member	Attendance	Ex Officio	Attendance
1 Elizabeth Miller	Virtual	Beckie Seba, City Council	In person
2 Allan Paulose	Virtual	Kalene Griffith, Visit Bentonville	Absent
3 Vacant	N/A	Alison Nation, Visit Bentonville	Absent
4 Kate Schaffer	In person	Cynthia Post Hunt, Crystal Bridges/The Momentary	Absent
5 Anne Jackson, Vice Chairperson	In person	Melisa Durkee, Oz Art	Virtual
6 Clint Schaff	In person		
7 Tom Hoehn	In person		
		Staff	
		Shelli Kerr, Comprehensive Planning Manager	In person
		Josh Stacey, Deputy Director of Parks	In person

1. **Call to Order:** Vice Chairperson Anne Jackson called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes – June 24, 2025**
Tom made a motion to approve the minutes for June 24, 2025. Clint seconded. All in favor, motion passed 6-0.

PROPOSALS

3. **Community Center Painting.** Artist Lori Week created a painting of the Bentonville Community Center for a donation to the center for its 10th Anniversary. Its' a 24 x 36" framed painting that will be displayed at the community center. Elizabeth noted the agreement should include a statement that the artwork may or may not be on display and that the city retains the right to remove the artwork from its collection. Bonnie indicated similar language is used for donations to the library and can be used for this agreement. Alan asked about other artworks in city buildings. Shelli noted the only ones are on loan from OzArt.
Tom made a motion to accept the artwork donation pending an agreement with the artist. Clint seconded. All in favor, motion passed 6-0.
4. **Old Tree Sculpture.** Melisa Durkey presented a proposal for OzArt to install and maintain a sculpture artwork titled "Old Tree" in the renovated Dave Peel Park. Be sure to include warning signage regarding no climbing. Elizabeth wants to make sure the artist is ok with copyright for two-dimensional reproductions. Oz Art will be responsible for all costs associated with installation, maintenance, liability and insurance.
Kate made a motion to accept the artwork Old Tree for installation in Dave Peel Park. Clint seconded. Five in favor, one abstention. Motion passed 5-0-1.

OLD BUSINESS

5. **Roundabout Projects.** Shelli shared a map of existing and planned roundabouts and that she had a brief conversation with Dr. Rittle regarding coordination of artwork installations around NWACC. As no funding is currently available, no action is required at this time.
6. **Storm Wood Repurpose.** Melisa reported that she spoke with OzTrail about the storm wood. They indicated they did not have a use for it. After discussion, the committee decided it best to release the use of the wood for an art installation.

Tom made a motion to release the use of the storm wood and to let Parks decide on the best routes for reuse or disposal. Clint seconded. All in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS – No new business

PROJECT UPDATES

7. **Proposals.** Shelli reported that the two Thaden pavement murals are on the city council agenda tonight for approval.
8. **Installations.** Shelli reported that the *Fish of Bentonville* will be installed early August. Tom Reported that the city and Crystal Bridges will be meeting to discuss the installation and site prep needs.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. **Our Town Grant.** Shelli reported that the city was notified that they were not awarded the Our Town grant to fund an art and culture master plan.
 - Tom mentioned an artwork on NE A Streett by Slaughter Pen that repurposed artwork from the Format Festival.
 - Elizabeth noted that seven murals are being installed on the Walmart campus.
 - Alan asked about artwork at Thaden, with the committee noting that was relocated and is on private property.

ADJOURNMENT

Clint made a motion to adjourn. Tom seconded. All in favor, motion passed 6-0.