

Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting

November 25, 2025

12:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 305 SW A Street

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



MINUTES

Member	Attendance	Ex Officio	Attendance
1 Elizabeth Miller	Virtual	Beckie Seba, City Council	In person
2 Allan Paulose	In person	Kalene Griffith, Visit Bentonville	Absent
3 Sarah Asplund	In person	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	In person
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** - Anne Jackson called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

Tom made a motion to approve October 28, 2025, minutes. Clint seconded. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

3. **2026 Meeting Times.** To better accommodate schedules, the committee voted to adjust the meeting day and time.

Allan made a motion to move the meeting to the 3rd Thursday of the month at 4:00 pm. Tom seconded. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

PROPOSALS - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

4. **Upper Cut – Maintenance.** Shelli and Josh shared that the art piece, *Upper Cut*, is quickly deteriorating. The committee determined that the cost to repair or completely replace is prohibitive and should be removed since it is becoming a safety hazard. Parks crews will be able to remove at minimal cost. The committee would like to issue an RFP to replace the artwork with another piece that reflects the sport of cricket. They also suggested that a sign be installed after removal, explaining that the PAAB will be working to install new artwork in its place, providing links to the RFP. This should also be shared on social.

Tom made a motion to remove Upper Cut for safety purposes. Clint seconded. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

5. **Bentonville Bat Promotions.** The Bentonville Bat will likely be installed in late December. The committee felt it best to wait until opening day of baseball season to conduct an unveiling event.

6. 2026 Project Ideas.

- 250th Mural – 250 bricks to create one image, made by local artists.
- Gateway Park, but that is probably best to wait until 2027.
- Water Tower Road Roundabout

The committee agreed to send location ideas to Shelli to collect and prioritize at the next meeting. Shelli and Josh will also identify possible locations.

PROJECT UPDATES

7. **Public Art Improvement Package.** This item is going to city council tonight. Elizabeth mentioned that there may be a few people to speak on the item.

8. **Proposals.** The Community Center Painting and *Old Tree Sculpture* will be brought through council once the policy has been approved.

9. Installations

- *Sewer Main – Fish of Bentonville.* The committee asked if we can reach out to the artist to see if we can assist in helping her complete the piece.
- *J and John DeShields Roundabout.* The engineers should be submitting the documents for the right of way permit shortly. The artist is working on a small-scale mockup of the colors.
- *Thaden School Urban Studies Library Mural.* No activity.
- *Trout Crosswalk Mural.* No activity.

OTHER BUSINESS

- *Monarch and Dandelion* repairs completed. Will be doing a social post to announce.
- Since the artist for PAC-Man has rescinded his association with the piece, his name needs to come off the sign and the website.
- Parks is talking with OzArt about artwork in the new Adult Activity Center.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm.