

## Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting

December 16, 2025

12:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 305 SW A Street

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## MINUTES

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

- 1. Call to Order** – Vice Chairperson Tom Hoehn called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm. Chairperson Anne Jackson had not yet arrived.
- 2. Approval of Minutes**

*Kate made a motion to approve November 25, 2025, minutes. Clint seconded. All in favor, motion passed 4-0.*

Anne arrived at 12:04.
- 3. Service Recognition.** PAAC commended Kate Schaffer for her service to the committee. Staff noted that she was involved in the RFP and selection of 31 art installations with a \$200,000 investment in the Bentonville community.
- 4. 2026 Budget.** Shelli shared the approved 2026 public art budget. The technical/data processing and insurance are recurring annual costs. There's \$20,000 in general activities – can be used for artwork, and then \$50,000 for maintenance. Requesting a quote from Tylur French about the bike towers. Also preparing an RFQ for a conservator/maintenance provider. For capital projects, there's \$50,000 for roundabouts – that can be adjusted to a different project if we need to. Then rolling over the \$50,000 which is our portion of the installation at J and John DeShields.

**PROPOSALS** - None

## OLD BUSINESS

### 5. 2026 Project Ideas.

- Recommended Action Plan.** Shelli presented a recommended 2026 action plan based on the approved budget. For maintenance, will be seeking a conservator for general maintenance, have requested a quote from Tylur French about the bike towers, and should consider removal of a few murals or request artists to touch up if interested. Tom will take current photos of mural conditions. For installations, prepare an RFP to replace Upper Cut and one for the roundabout at Water Tower Rd and 8<sup>th</sup> St. Coordinate with Crystal Bridges to complete installation at J and John De Shields.
- Location Prioritization.** The agenda packets included a list of possible locations for artwork along with a map. The committee agreed to work on prioritizing this list at the next meeting, to develop a program over the next couple of years that would guide budget requests.

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

## PROJECT UPDATES

6. **Public Art Improvement Package.** Working with legal to finalize the amendments. Staff will notify PAAC when it goes back to City Council.
7. **Upper Cut Removal.** The committee requested that the last RFP be sent to the cricket league to get their feedback on any improvements to the RFP before issuing again. Shelli noted that she would send the RFP to artists who submitted last time.

*Alan made a motion to issue an RFP to replace Upper Cut. Kate seconded. All in favor, motion passed 5-0.*

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.* Yenuli has completed this installation. Shelli will get photos and post on social. Tom suggested a thank you note to Yenuli.
- *J and John DeShields Roundabout.* The artist has completed a small-scale mockup of the colors which has been forwarded to the fabricators. The engineers are getting final cost estimate to determine the city's portion of funding.
- *Thaden School Urban Studies Library Mural and Trout Crosswalk Mural.* Shelli reached out to Sam to determine intent for installation but has not received a response. She will reach out again in January.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- Tom expressed kudos to Allan for putting on the public art panel discussion.
- Shelli noted that a new member will be joining the committee in January, Catherine Bays.

## ADJOURNMENT

*Kate made a motion to adjourn. Anne seconded. All in favor, motion passed 5-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 12:42 pm.