

## Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting

January 15, 2026

3:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, 305 SW A Street

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THE CITY OF BENTONVILLE



PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

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

### 1. Call to Order

Chairperson Jackson called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

*Tom made a motion to approve the December 16, 2025, meeting minutes; Elizabeth seconded. All in favor, motion passed 5-0. (Allan and Clint had not logged on yet.)*

## OLD BUSINESS

### 3. Murals Discussion

Upon review of the condition assessments completed in spring of 2025 and updated photos Tom provided, the committee agreed on the following:

- *Aura Activity* – No action.
- *Hello* - Leave as-is but reach out to the artist to evaluate opportunity for touch ups.
- *Natural Skate* – Members noted that skaters don't particularly like the paint where they are skateboarding. Leave decision until next month when Josh can provide an update on improvement plans for Memorial Park.
- *Hole in the Wall* – No action.
- *Basketball Court* - Leave decision until next month when Josh can provide an update on improvement plans for Memorial Park.
- *ColorFULL* - Reach out to original artist and water/sewer to see what plans are for that sewer line. Discuss further at next meeting.
- *Art Feeds* – No action.
- *All Bikes Welcome* – No action.
- *Bentonville Fish* – No action.

For future considerations:

- Incorporate construction into the design – prefer a concrete stain to paint.
- Future evaluations should provide an original photo from time of installation for comparison purposes.
- Establish criteria to allow for proper ranking.

#### 4. Cricket RFP

Members will review proposal and provide comments to Shelli. They suggest six weeks between publication and deadline.

#### 5. Water Tower Rd Roundabout RFP

Members will review proposal and provide comments to Shelli. Comments:

- We need to be more explicit on the scale
- Be clear that it can include multiple pieces.
- Find out if we can tap into the electric.
- Reach out to NWACC about collaborating.
- Make sure those that previously applied get the new RFP.

#### 6. Priority Installation Locations

Map and list was provided in packet. No further discussion since several projects have already been identified for 2026.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 7. 250<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Project

Shelli and Allen presented the collaborative project to celebrate America's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Details provided in agenda packet.

*Elizabeth made a motion to support the concept and refine the age group a little older and focus on what they love about America, Sara seconded. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.*

### PROJECT UPDATES

8. **Public Art Improvement Package.** Goal is to get this back to City Council in February.

9. **Maintenance RFQ.** Shelli has prepared a draft RFQ that is being reviewed by purchasing.

10. **Proposals.** Both the Community Center Painting and the Old Tree Sculpture will be brought through to City Council after approval of the public art policy.

#### 11. Installations

- *J and John DeShields Roundabout.* Crystal Bridges continues to work on this and the artist has provided the colors to the fabricators. It requires a right-of-way permit with the city and working through details on that.
- *Thaden School Urban Studies Library Mural.* Waiting to hear back from Thaden on status.
- *Trout Crosswalk Mural.* Waiting to hear back from Thaden on status.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Tom is working on getting an updated number of public artworks in Bentonville and recommends that number be updated annually.

### ADJOURNMENT

*Catherine made a motion to adjourn; Clint seconded. All in favor, motion approved 7-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm.