

Public Art Advisory Board Meeting

May 21, 2026

3:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, 305 SW A Street

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



AGENDA

Members

- 1 Elizabeth Miller
- 2 Allan Paulose
- 3 Sara Asplund
- 4 Catherine Bays
- 5 Anne Jackson, Chairperson
- 6 Clint Schaff
- 7 Tom Hoehn, Vice Chairperson

Ex Officio

- Beckie Seba, City Council
- Kalene Griffith, Visit Bentonville
- Alison Nation, Visit Bentonville
- Cynthia Post Hunt, Crystal Bridges/The Momentary
- Payton Wiedner, OZ Art

Staff

- Shelli Kerr, Comprehensive Planning Manager
Josh Stacey, Deputy Director of Parks

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes * – April 16, 2026

OLD BUSINESS

3. Skate Park Mural Removal

NEW BUSINESS

4. Near the Pitch Proposal Evaluations *

PROJECT UPDATES

5. America 250 Call for Art

OTHER BUSINESS

6. J and John DeShields Roundabout
7. Adult Recreation Center – Artwork Loan
8. Public Art Event at Library
9. Application deadlines:
 - a. Water Tower Rd Roundabout: May 27
 - b. America 250: July 15
- a. Other Business

ADJOURNMENT

*Attachment

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MINUTES

Member	Attendance	Ex Officio	Attendance
1 Elizabeth Miller	In person	Beckie Seba, City Council	Online
2 Allan Paulose	Online	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	Payton Weidner, OZ Art	In person
6 Clint Schaff	Online		
7 Tom Hoehn, Vice Chairperson	Absent	Staff	
		Shelli Kerr, Comprehensive Planning Manager	In person
		Josh Stacey, Deputy Director of Parks	Absent
		Baylea Birchfield, Planner II	In person

Guests: Bonnie Bridges

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes * – March 19, 2026

Elizabeth made a motion to approve the minutes from March 19, 2026; Catherine seconded. All in favor, motion passed 6-0.

3. Bentonville Bat Unveiling Event

Scheduled for May 5 at 5:00 p.m. at Phillips Park. Members of the Bentonville Youth Baseball League will be in attendance. The baseball cards have been designed by Baylea and ordered by Josh and will be available at the event. Board members are encouraged to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Murals Discussion

Shelli shared that she is still seeking quotes for power washing the skate park mural and is meeting with one company on Monday to obtain a quote.

The basketball court mural was discussed, but the Board agreed it is not an urgent priority at this time. Elizabeth recommended revisiting both the basketball courts and *Hello* next year during the budget review process.

Regarding *Hello*, Tom and Shelli have reached out to Kenneth Siemens numerous times but have not received a response. Shelli asked the Board for feedback on whether to move forward with the project or hold off for now.

Elizabeth recommended removing *Colorful* in Park Springs Park due to graffiti concerns and not wanting the damage to worsen. Anne agreed with this recommendation. Shelli has reached out regarding next steps.

Action Item: Shelli will visit the *Hello* mural site to determine whether graffiti is present.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Compton Sculpture

Oz Art presented a proposal for a sculpture by James Hall to be installed near Dave Peel Park and the Compton Hotel. The sculpture, which depicts Dr. Compton, will feature a green patina finish and will be provided on a three-year loan from Oz Art. Oz Art will cover both installation and maintenance costs. The piece is currently in early fabrication, with installation projected for March.

The artist, who is from Missouri, has a long history of creating similar sculptures around the world. He has presented similar concepts in the past, and after several iterations, arrived at this final design.

Elizabeth asked whether it would be acceptable for children to climb on the sculpture. Payten shared that the branch element is intended to function like a bench for sitting. Elizabeth also recommended including signage explaining who Dave Peel was, since the sculpture will be placed near Dave Peel Park. Shelli noted that she spoke with Josh, who confirmed that Dave Peel Park will include a plaque explaining who Dave Peel is.

Allen recommended moving the sculpture closer to Compton Gardens to better align with the surrounding theme. Anne recommended approval of the piece with a note to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board stating that the Board supports the sculpture and would also support relocating it closer to the Peel Compton Foundation if needed.

Elizabeth motioned to approve the design, location, and loan agreement. Clint seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Action Item: Shelli will forward the item to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

5. Adult Recreation Center – Artwork Loan

Payton with Oz Art presented the art pieces to the Board. Oz Art will be responsible for installing and maintaining the pieces.

Sara motioned to approve the ARC art as presented, Clint seconded. Motioned passed 6-0.

PROJECT UPDATES

6. J and John DeShields Roundabout

Crews have begun work on the site, and installation is anticipated within the next month. Cynthia, representing Crystal Bridges and the Momentary, asked about marketing and communications related to the project.

Action Item: Allison with Visit Bentonville will talk to Emma at Crystal Bridges about marketing tactics.

OTHER BUSINESS

7. Application deadlines:
 - a. Near the Pitch: April 29
 - i. Near the Pitch submissions will be reviewed at the next meeting.
 - b. Water Tower Rd Roundabout: May 27
 - c. America 250: July 15

The joint press release with Visit Bentonville regarding art in Bentonville was shared earlier this week. Alison was then approached by various news stations and shared the three calls for art.

ADJOURNMENT

Catherine made a motion to adjourn; Allen seconded. All in favor, motion passed 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:13 pm.

City of Bentonville
Public Art Collection
Proposal List

Project Title Near the Pitch

Call Type Call for Art

Ref. No.	Title	Artist	Cost	Design
1	The Spirit of the Game or Momentum Helix	Allan Paulose	\$ 30,000.00	
2	The Creekside Wicket	Brady Wedman	\$ 45,700.00	
3	Knocking it out of the Park	Deepali Pavnaskar	\$ 30,000.00	
4	Truckin Lounge	Fitzhugh Karol	\$ 80,000.00	
5	The Batsman: A Study in Marble "Krieket"	Hazem Shoukry	\$35,000-40,000	
6	Three Brothers	Jeffie Brewer	\$ 30,000.00	
7	Team Spirit	Jessica Colangelo	\$ 30,000.00	

8	Corka	Jordan Anson	\$ 30,592.00	 <p>CORKA</p>
9	Study House	Jorge Leyva	\$ 30,000.00	 <p>Height: 8'8" Width: 5'4"</p>
10	Unity in Motion	Maxwell Emcays	\$ 30,000.00	
11	Wicket	Paul Siebenthal	\$ 30,000.00	
12	Axiom	Russ Connell	\$ 30,000.00	
13	At The Crease	Susan Reed	\$ 33,780.00	
14	The Delivery	William Virgil	\$ 30,000.00	