

Public Spaces and Cultural Heritage Board

PUBLIC SPACES AND CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD: APRIL 7, 2026

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Welcome!

Thank you for volunteering your time and efforts to enhancing our public spaces and cultural heritage through programming and public art

How the board was formed

Public Art Master Plan Adoption:

The plan identified the need for a dedicated advisory body to guide the implementation of a thoughtful, community-driven public art program, ensuring alignment with community values, long-term stewardship, and phased project delivery.

Review of Existing Boards and Committees:

A broader organizational review evaluated the roles, responsibilities, and overlap of existing boards. This process identified an opportunity to consolidate related focus areas: public art, cultural heritage, cemetery stewardship, and senior-focused programming into a single advisory body to improve clarity, efficiency, and alignment with adopted plans.



Focus

The Public Spaces & Cultural Heritage Committee serves as an advisory body to City staff and City Council, providing guidance, recommendations, and perspective on key focus areas within public spaces.





Support

The committee is intended to support:

Transparent and informed decision-making

Alignment with adopted master plans and policies

Integration of cultural, historical, and artistic elements into public spaces



Purview

Public Art

Implementation of the Public Art Master Plan through a phased approach

Review and recommendation of public art opportunities, including temporary and permanent installations

Consideration of partnerships, grants, and artist engagement processes



Purview

Cultural Heritage & Placemaking

Support for initiatives that reflect Burleson's identity, history, and community character

Guidance on storytelling elements within parks, trails, and civic spaces



Purview

Senior-Focused Programming in Public Spaces

Evaluation of accessibility, inclusivity, and program effectiveness

Identification of opportunities for engagement and connection across generations

Purview

Cemetery Stewardship

Advisory input on preservation, enhancement, and long-range planning

Consideration of respectful interpretation and historical recognition





Next Steps

Establish a meeting cadence, location and time

Create and implement an annual work plan

- Review of current programs, public art, and cemetery items
- Implement Phase I of public art priorities

Define workflow for moving projects forward

FEEDBACK