

BURLESON PUBLIC SPACES & CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD  
JUNE 23, 2026  
MINUTES  
**DRAFT**

**ROLL CALL**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Vaughn Schlegel, Chair  
Payton Byrd, Vice Chair  
John Weeks  
Joy Larabell  
Vanessa Shimek  
John Zamaripa

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jaime Ibarra  
Steve Ann Richie

**Staff Present**

Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Tony D. McIlwain, Development Services Director  
Sarah Heath, Senior Administrative Specialist/Recording Secretary

**Guests**

Laurie Moon, representative from Tilt Vision Art Studios  
Phil Anderson, City of Burleson Councilmember

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Time 6:00 p.m.

Vaughn Schlegel, Chair, called the meeting to order. **Time: 6:00 p.m.**

2. **CITIZEN APPEARANCES**

None.

3. **GENERAL**

**A. Consider and take possible action on the minutes from the May 12, 2026 meeting. (Staff Contact: Sarah Heath, Senior Administrative Specialist)**

Motion made by John Zamaripa and seconded by Payton Byrd to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion passed 5-0, with Jaime Ibarra, Steve Ann Richie, and Vanessa Shimek absent.

4. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff feedback regarding the survey of public art in Old Town to initiate the development of a public**

**art inventory. (Staff Contact: Sarah Heath, Senior Administrative Specialist)**

Sarah Heath presented a report on the progress towards developing a public art inventory. The presentation included:

- The process of surveying current items for consideration, verifying information for entry into the public art inventory, and long-term notation in the inventory record.
- A review of 11 items in Old Town Burleson for the Board to consider as meeting or not meeting the definition of public art.
- Next steps for the items identified as meeting the definition of public art.
- A review of other areas surveyed for public art, which will be brought to the Board in the future for consideration.

The Board identified the following as meeting the definition of public art:

- "Barn Quilts" Series
- Orthodontics by Birth & Fletcher Mural
- "Kindness Matters" Mural
- John Wayne as Rooster Cogburn Mural
- "Abundance" Mural

The Board identified the following as not meeting the definition of public art:

- Train Play Structure
- City of Burleson Logo Mural at Depot on Main
- Old Town Brewing Co Mural
- Geek Out Mural
- The Spice Rack Mural

*Vanessa Shimek entered the Board meeting at 6:13 p.m.*

Board discussion included the responsibility of maintenance for pieces of public art based on artist agreements, property ownership, and code compliance. The Board tabled the consideration of the City of Burleson Water Tower as meeting or not meeting the definition of public art pending further information, noting the historical context of the structure and the inclusion of the current city logo. Staff will present further information to the Board once clarification has been received by staff.

**B. Consider and take possible action on a resolution approving several Old Town murals associated with the Echo Alley project. (Staff Contact: Tony D. McIlwain, Development Services Director)**

Tony D. McIlwain presented a resolution for the painting of various murals within Old Town by Tilt Vision Art Studios. The presentation included a review

of the mural sign requirements as outlined by Ordinances CSO#341-11-2015 and CSO#763-02-2018. The project will be known as Echo Alley. Mural sign requirements were reviewed and the proposed Western-themed artistic style, eight locations, and conceptual art were presented. The project would be privately funded at an estimated value of \$350,000 to \$500,000.

Board expressed support for the Echo Alley project and recommended staff to present the proposal to City Council in July for consideration and possible action. Board discussion included the challenges of building geometry for the integrity of the proposed murals, potentially incorporating certain existing features of the alley, such as meter boxes and fabric awnings, into the proposed murals, and the impact of future maintenance of alley and building features on the proposed murals. Board discussion also included the support from Phil and Teresa Anderson in the development of this proposal and how the proposed murals could create opportunities for photography.

The Board recommended consideration for the depiction of native wildflowers, Texas landscapes, and antique vehicles, potentially in lieu of the saloon-style concept presented for the side of Killen and Dennis Law Firm located at 104 S Main Street. The Board acknowledged consideration is given to the preferences of the businesses in the selection of the associated conceptual designs. Staff confirmed that the maintenance of the murals through private funding would be a part of the agreement for the project.

**C. Conduct a walking tour to four locations in Old Town Burleson to view items surveyed for public art consideration. (Staff Contact: Sarah Heath, Senior Administrative Specialist)**

Staff led the Board on a walking tour of four locations with works that were presented for consideration.

1. Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza: "Barn Quilts" Series
2. 109 W. Renfro Street: Exterior mural at Orthodontics by Birth & Fletcher

The Board noted recent repairs to the façade and windows of the building of Orthodontics by Birth & Fletcher.

Board discussion included how the proposed pieces of the Echo Alley project would tie together side-by-side and with existing features and branding for continuity.

3. 114 S. Main Street: Exterior mural of John Wayne as Rooster Cogburn
4. 133 S. Wilson Street: Exterior murals of the Geek Out and The Spice Rack businesses

Staff confirmed that the responsibility for maintenance of murals on private property by the property owner is outlined by the Code of Ordinances and the Public Art Policy and that a variance may be requested from the City if applicable.

5. **REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND REPORTS**

- Update on Board consensus for potentially changing meeting days to Fridays.

6. **ADJOURN**

Motion made by John Zamaripa and seconded by Vanessa Shimek to adjourn the meeting.

Vaughn Schlegel, Chair, adjourned the meeting. **Time: 7:11 p.m.**

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Sarah Heath  
Recording Secretary