



CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS

**CITY HALL - LINDELL ROSS EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM,
300 W. 13 MILE RD.**

ARTS BOARD MEETING AGENDA

JUNE 24, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER 6:03 PM

ROLL CALL

Toya Aaron, *Council Representative*

Mark Bliss, *Member*

Michael Covert, *Chair (absent)*

Laurie Geraldts, *Council Alternate*

Susie King, *Member*

Harley Mordarski, *Staff Liaison*

Jennifer Nagle, *Vice Chair / Social Media*

Kimberly Oprins, *Member (absent)*

Keaton Soto-Olson, *Member (absent)*

Thomas Wrona, *Alternate*

Sandie Young, *Alternate*

Motion by Bliss, seconded by King, to excuse those who gave notice: Covert, Oprins, Soto-Olson.

Yea: All

Nay: None

Motion Carries

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bliss, seconded by King, to approve the May 6 meeting minutes as amended.

Yea: All

Nay: None

Motion carried.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

REPORTS

2. Treasurer Report

Mordarski presented the Treasurer's Report and introduced a new format highlighting the amount allocated to each item that has been voted on. She noted that several expenses are still pending, including postcard costs.

3. Social Media Report

Nagle presented the Social Media Report, highlighting engagement with Arts and Pride content, including approximately 10,000 views, 7,739 clicks, and a 27-follower increase. The audience was primarily female. Wrona commended Nagle on the Arts and Pride promotional efforts and thanked her for her contributions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. Summer Concert Series (Aaron, Bliss, Covert, Oprins)

The subcommittee noted that the next concert was scheduled for that evening and that food trucks were scheduled to arrive.

5. Arts and Pride (Wrona, Nagle, King, Young)

The event was reported as a success and completed under budget. Staff is continuing to collect receipts, and some reimbursements remain outstanding. Bliss introduced a motion to use any remaining funds after all expenses were paid to reimburse the initial seed money for future Arts and Pride expenses, pending HREC approval. Bliss withdrew the motion after discussion about reimbursement calculations.

Motion by King, seconded by Wrona, to establish June 6, 2027, as the tentative date for Arts and Pride, to be held in partnership with the HREC.

Yea: All

Nay: None

Motion Carries

6. Bandshell Utilization Subcommittee (Geraldts, Covert, King, Wrona)

King will reach out to Marlo to reschedule the Yoga in the Park night event.

7. Arts & Crafts Swap (Young, Nagle, King, Wrona)

The upcoming Arts & Crafts Swap is scheduled for July 11 and will focus on holiday décor, crafting materials, and art supplies. Participants will have the opportunity to bring items, set up a table at no cost, and exchange materials with other crafters. The subcommittee would like to establish collection buckets at the library prior to the event to encourage donations, as this was not done during the previous swap.

Young will assist with planning efforts for the subcommittee. Any remaining donated items will be provided to Arts and Scraps, as done previously.

8. Civic Center Hopscotch (Gerals)

Mordarski will reach out to Eve for an update.

9. Student Outreach (Wrona, Gerals, King, Nagle)

Wrona noted that he was occupied with Arts and Pride but will assist in coordinating a subcommittee meeting.

10. Trail Tunes (Bliss, Aaron, Nagle, Young)

Bliss reported that a call for bands has been distributed and received strong interest, with numerous submissions. Submissions will close on June 30th, and the event is scheduled for August 29th. Bliss noted a desire to reduce the event footprint this year to the bandshell, basketball court, and pavilion areas. Bliss proposed reducing the lineup to six bands. Bliss will oversee bands, marketing, and mapping. Young and King will assist with vendor coordination, and Bliss plans to distribute additional materials within the next one to two weeks. Gerals expressed concern regarding potential sound overlapping from multiple performance areas near the bandshell.

Motion by Bliss, seconded by Aaron to authorize the Trail Tunes subcommittee to expend up to the current amount available in the Trail Tunes escrow account, plus any additional sponsorship funds raised, for expenses related to the 2026 Trail Tunes event.

Yea: All

Nay: None

Motion carried.

11. USA 250th Backyard & Beyond Photography Exhibit (Gerals, Young)

Mordarski reported that the submissions have been light and that sharing the event would increase participation.

NEW BUSINESS

12. City Council Presentation

Mordarski explained that a presentation had been requested by some members of Council, with the original presentation date scheduled for June 22; however, the presentation was postponed, allowing the Arts Board additional time to determine the appropriate scope and content. Mordarski noted that the Board had not received specific direction regarding the purpose of the presentation and requested guidance from the Council representatives on the Arts Board. A suggestion was to use the presentation to review the Arts Board work plan and current initiatives. Bliss explained that the request stemmed from a discussion with the mayor about the rationale for certain programming decisions, specifically those related to Pride programming. Mordarski will follow up with the City Manager for additional clarification on the intended focus.

Motion by Young, seconded by Aaron, to purchase postcards to market upcoming Arts Board events, including Trail Tunes and the 250th Anniversary photography exhibit.

Yea: All

Nay: None

Motion carried.

Young will also look at the prices of volunteer lanyards ahead of the next meeting. The Board briefly discussed potential prizes for the America 250th exhibit, including a gift card from a camera shop, though no official decisions were made.

ADJOURNMENT 6:51

Next meeting is Wednesday, July 22nd, at 6:00 PM at the shelter building in Civic Center Park, or nearby.

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