



## MERIDIAN ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

City Council Chambers, 33 East Broadway Avenue Meridian, Idaho

Thursday, January 08, 2026 at 3:30 PM

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### MINUTES

#### ROLL-CALL ATTENDANCE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lizzie Taylor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick O'Leary
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bridget King, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bobby Gaytan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shaun Muscolo	<input type="checkbox"/> Seoyoon Song
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brecken Bird, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jay Smith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crystal Paulson	

Arts and Culture Coordinator C. Schiffler and City Deputy Attorney E. Kane were also in attendance.

Chair B. Bird called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA [ACTION ITEM]

L. Taylor moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by B. King

All ayes; motion passed

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES [ACTION ITEM]

- Approval:** Draft Minutes From the December 11, 2025 Meridian Arts Commission Meeting

J. Smith moved to approve the minutes; B. Gaytan seconded.

All ayes; motion passed

#### REPORTS

- Initial Point Gallery** ~ Lizzie Taylor, Commissioner

**Current Exhibit:** "Purple Plus" Treasure Valley Artist Alliance

**\*Panel Discussion:** Tuesday, January 6, 5:30 - 7:00pm "Artists Panel Discussion: Archival to Alternative Art Media"; Featuring a Gold Leaf Demonstration by Claire Remsburg, and a Panel Discussion with Panelists Alaggio

Laurino, Margaret Pope, Randy Van Dyck, and Moderator Richard Young; Host: Shaun Muscolo

**Upcoming Exhibit:** "Storied Connections" Stephen Aifegha, Laurel Macdonald, Lawrence Manning, Gretchen Weitemier, and Leslie Jay Bosch

**\*Opening Reception:** Tuesday February 3, 4:30 - 7:00; Host: Shaun Muscolo

L. Taylor gave an update on recent and upcoming events at Initial Point Gallery. The TVAA panel discussion was successful. Commissioner S. Muscolo hosted the event and there were approximately 40 attendees. The next gallery show will be "Storied Connections" and S. Muscolo will host the opening reception.

C. Schiffler thanked commissioners for attending the panel discussion and stated how much she enjoys these events and thinks they can be great educational opportunities for the public as well.

**3. Public Art Project Updates ~ Cassandra Schiffler, Arts & Culture Coordinator**

"Safe Passages" Public Art in the Linder Road Median

Public Art Master Plan Progress

Community Center Public Art; Task Force Meeting Scheduled

C. Schiffler gave an update on public art projects.

The Linder Road project is on track.

There are no new updates on the Public Art Master Plan. We are currently still in the drafting process.

A Community Center Public Art Task Force Meeting is scheduled for next week (Thursday January 15, 2026, 10am)

**4. Recap: MAC Table at Children's Winterland Festival at Meridian Homecourt on December, 13 ~ Crystal Paulson, Commissioner**

Commissioner C. Paulson gave an update on the Children's Winterland Festival. Over 450 kids participated and the event seemed well received by the attendees.

S. Muscolo stated that the event was successful and seemed better attended than the previous year.

**NEW BUSINESS [ACTION ITEMS]**

**5. Review 2025 All Commission Goals and Priorities; Recommend New Goals for 2026 ~ Cassandra Schiffler, Arts & Culture Coordinator**

C. Schiffler reviewed the drafted Meridian Art Commission goals for 2026.

Chair B. Bird thought the drafted goals looked good and had no additional goals to add.

No other commissioners had amendments or additions to the proposed goals.

MAC members voted on the 2026 goals in order of priority. The scores were tallied and recorded, ranked from highest to lowest priority as follows:

## Meridian Arts Commission 2026 All Commission Goals and Priorities

Program monthly Initial Point Gallery exhibits, host opening receptions, market the gallery to the city and the community, market yearly Call-to-Artists, and serve as a selection panel for new exhibits.

Engage the community through Art Week in 2026 and participate in programming and marketing events.

Participate in the partnership with the Parks and Recreation Commission to add theming and identity reinforcing art in Meridian parks and pathways. Focus this year on Community Center public art.

Participate in planning for new MAPS projects and future updates to the MAPS Public Art Workplan. Focus on the completion of a new Public Art Master Plan.

Support Meridian's Main Street Mix concert series in 2026.

Maintain existing Traffic Box Series program; select WASD artworks, recommend locations, and use Call to Artists to commission installation of new traffic box wraps.

Increase inclusive programming through representation of diverse populations and marketing to underserved and underrepresented populations.

Support youth performing arts programs through partnership and fiscal support of performing arts projects.

Present the 2026 biennial Tammy de Weerd's Awards in the Arts.

S. Muscolo made a motion to adopt the 2026 goals; B. Gaytan seconded.

All ayes; motion passed

### **6. Election: 2026 Meridian Arts Commission Chair and Vice Chair Elections ~ *Brecken Bird, Commission Chair***

B. Bird stated that City Code directs the Commission to hold elections in the first meeting of each calendar year and that the Commission's bylaws state the offices of the Commission shall include the office of the Commission Chair and Commission Vice Chair.

B. King, as current Vice Chair, was automatically nominated for Chair, per the Commission bylaws. No other nominations for Chair were made.

B. Bird requested nominations for the Commission Vice Chair. B. King nominated S. Muscolo for Vice Chair. No other nominations for Vice Chair were made.

L. Taylor made a motion to elect B. King as Chair and S. Muscolo as Vice Chair; C. Paulson seconded.

All ayes; motion passed

## **NEXT MEETING - FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

B. Bird announced that this meeting will be her last MAC meeting as a commissioner. She has been hired by the City of Meridian as the Arts Assistant and will be stepping down as a commissioner effective January 13, 2026.

C. Schiffler announced that with B. Bird stepping down there will be an open Arts Commission seat and that commissioners should be thinking about people they know that would be a good fit for the position.

## **ADJOURNMENT [ACTION ITEM]**

S. Muscolo made a motion to adjourn the meeting; B. Gaytan seconded.

All Ayes

Meeting adjourned at 4:01pm.

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Participate in the partnership with the Parks and Recreation Commission and staff to add theming and identity reinforcing art in Meridian parks and pathways. Focus this year on Fuller Park.

Engage the community through Art Week in 2025 and participate in programming and marketing events.

Participate in planning for new MAPS projects and future updates to the MAPS Public Art Workplan. Focus on the creation of a new Public Art Master Plan.

Increase inclusive programming through representation of diverse populations and marketing to underserved and underrepresented populations

Support Concerts on Broadway Series in 2025.

Maintain existing Traffic Box Series; select WASD artworks, recommend locations, and use Call-to-Artists to commission installation of new traffic box wraps.

Support youth performing arts programs through partnership and fiscal support of youth performing arts projects.

Plan to present the 2026 biennial Tammy de Weerd's Awards in the Arts