



Arts Advisory Committee

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
FOR APRIL 21, 2026

PRESENT: Janet Steiger Carr, Brett Hamilton, Mason Hall, Brenna White, Steven Traugh, Julie Ludemann, Bella DePhillipo, Councilor Bridget Brooks

ABSENT: Kathleen Silloway

Call to Order: Janet Steiger Carr called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

1. Julie Ludemann welcomed new member Steven Traugh to the committee and invited him to introduce himself. Steven introduced himself as a retired music teacher and former member of several Arts Advisory committees in both California and Oregon. Committee members and parks staff introduced themselves in turn.

Approval of Minutes

1. March 17, 2026: Julie Ludemann shared the March minutes for committee review, and Janet Steiger Carr entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Brett Hamilton motioned, Mason Hall seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Communications

1. Chair: Janet Steiger Carr shared an update on the CORA committee, highlighting some of the design ideas from the University of Oregon students and mentioning that they will be available for public feedback at some point in the future.
2. Council Liaison: Councilor Brooks shared about the items in the last City Council work session, highlighting Volunteer Appreciation Week and the Tualatin Food Pantry grant awarded by Council. She mentioned that new Climate Action Program manager Amanda Watson is putting together a new five-year plan, and encouraged committee members to reach out to her if they would like to be involved. She also informed the committee that Library Director Jerianne Thompson resigned, and that there will be a conversation at the next City Council meeting about the county-level changes currently happening at the library.
3. Staff: Julie Ludemann thanked Steven Traugh for joining the committee, and shared that some of the add packages concerning the arts are likely to be accepted in the new budget. These add packages include a consultant for a new art policy and money for a mural at Las Casitas Park, and Julie reminded the committee that the budget has not been approved yet. Mason Hall asked for clarification on the consultant, and Julie reminded the committee that the municipal code requires the City to have an arts policy and there isn't currently one in place.

4. Public: None.

New Business

1. Art Maintenance: Julie reminded the committee that there is \$4000 budgeted annually for art maintenance, and shared that some of the City's bronze sculptures were cleaned within the past two weeks. She then shared images of the cleaned mother beaver and pup statues, the geese at Tualatin Commons, the Storyteller at the library, and the Protector outside of the Police Department. She also added that the Lazy River statue at Tualatin Commons Park was also cleaned.
2. Tualatin Valley Creates Networking Event: Julie Ludemann commended Councilor Brooks for being a great advocate on several committees and with outside groups, including most recently Tualatin Valley Creates. Councilor Brooks shared that TVC has monthly networking meetings with artists, and mentioned that they have recently been interested in Tualatin's art, specifically Veterans Plaza and the new downtown. Councilor Brooks also shared that Explore Tualatin Valley is having their summer banquet in Tualatin for the first time, and encouraged committee members to sign up. Julie Ludemann added that the TVC mingle is happening on June 12th and they have requested that someone from Tualatin lead an art walk. Janet Steiger Carr offered to lead it, with Councilor Brooks and Julie also present. Julie will send out the link to register for anyone else who would like to join.

Old Business

1. TAAC Logo Fill: Julie Ludemann shared the new arts advisory logo fills and refreshed the committee on the original design options, then asked the committee for feedback. After discussion, committee members agreed that a bold, abstract pattern fill would be most appropriate. Julie will return the feedback to the designer, and Councilor Brooks suggested that committee members should find examples of abstract designs that they like and send them to Julie within the next two weeks.
2. Traffic Signal Box Wraps: Julie Ludemann shared that all art has been submitted and all boxes have been measured, and now she is just waiting on proofs. She added that committee members will be able to give final feedback on placement before installation. Janet Steiger Carr asked about the box at the country club entrance, and Julie confirmed that it will not be a distraction to train operators.

Future Agenda Items

1. Passport for Art: Janet Steiger Carr shared that an art passport is still on her mind as a potential part of the downtown revitalization. Steven Traugh added that it would be fun to have a passport for kids with a reward for completion. Brett Hamilton emphasized that having a reward would be great, and Mason Hall added that the library has a similar program. Janet continued that the CORA committee likes the idea of an art passport, and some have suggested certain grants that can be applied for.
2. Artist Conversations: No information was shared.

Communications from Committee Members

1. Councilor Brooks wished the committee a happy Earth Day and shared her experience at the Earth Day celebration with Riverkeepers over the weekend. She also encouraged members to attend an upcoming I Sing event this weekend that she will be tabling at, and said she would send the information to Julie Ludemann to forward out.
2. Janet Steiger Carr shared some upcoming theater productions, including a production of Radium Girls at the Heritage Center.
3. Brenna White shared that each committee member is entitled to one art print in the portfolio that Julie Ludemann has, and encouraged members to reach out and let her know which ones they would like.

Adjournment: Janet Steiger Carr adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.