



Public Arts Commission

Cravath Lakefront room 2nd floor 312 West
Whitewater Str, Whitewater, WI, 53190 *In Person
and Virtual

Thursday, November 06, 2025 - 5:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Board Member Kim Adams
Board Member Megan Matthews
Board Member Justin Mane
Board Member Steven Sahyun

STAFF

Llana Dostie, Zoning Specialist

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A committee member can choose to remove an item from the agenda or rearrange its order; however, introducing new items to the agenda is not allowed. Any proposed changes require a motion, a second, and approval from the Committee to be implemented. The agenda shall be approved at each meeting even if no changes are being made at that meeting.

Motion made by Board Member Sahyun, Seconded by Board Member Adams.

Voting Yea: Board Member Adams, Board Member Matthews, Board Member Mane, Board Member Sahyun

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the Consent Agenda will be approved together unless any committee member requests that an item be removed for individual consideration.

None

HEARING OF CITIZEN COMMENTS

No formal Committee action will be taken during this meeting although issues raised may become a part of a future agenda. Participants are allotted a three minute speaking period. Specific items listed on the agenda may not be discussed at this time; however, citizens are invited to speak to those specific issues at the time the Committee discusses that particular item.

To make a comment during this period, or during any agenda item: On a computer or handheld device, locate the controls on your computer to raise your hand. You may need to move your mouse to see these controls. On a traditional telephone, dial *6 to unmute your phone and dial *9 to raise your hand.

None

ART TRANSFORAMTION ARTIST APPLICATIONS

1. Review and possible action in selection and recommendation of Artist to the Department of Public Works Commission for the 2026 Artful Transformations Traffic Boxes.

Dostie explained that the request for public works commission for current boxes was to remove the words on the boxes.

Steven stated that it may be a safety issue with the words as drivers are moving down the road.

Steven stated other than item 2 and 7 he likes the rest.

Mane suggested words on the sidewalk side only.

Steven stated that the request to public works if there are words if they could be none street facing or the font size could be reduced or a max of number words.

Motion was to approve Miller, Mane, Wence, Noh.

Motion made by Board Member Sahyun, Seconded by Board Member Matthews.

Voting Yea: Board Member Adams, Board Member Matthews, Board Member Sahyun

Voting Abstaining: Board Member Mane

Box location assignments will be Miller-Jefferson/Starin, Mane-Franklin/Main, Wence-Hwy 59 and Starin, Noh-Prince/Main

Motion made by Board Member Sahyun, Seconded by Board Member Matthews.

Voting Yea: Board Member Adams, Board Member Matthews, Board Member Sahyun

Voting Abstaining: Board Member Mane

2. Application Submission for Lys Dobbs
3. Bill Miller Application
4. Justin Main Application
5. Edith Wence Application
6. Aliya (Mou) Noh Application.
7. Nancy Platner submission.

CONSIDERATIONS / DISCUSSIONS / REPORTS

8. Discussion and possible recommendation to Common Council dissolution of the Public Arts Commission.

Dostie explained the memo in the packet regarding the reasoning for the dissolution of the Public Arts Commission. Public Arts projects usually go to another committee after the Public Arts Commission prior to the Common Council.

Steven asked how the other committees feel.

Steven feels that the disadvantage is losing the art background of the members.

Adams stated that the Whitewater Alliance has asked about vetting projects. And what the role would be with the City.

Steven stated that nothing would stop the city from consulting with the Whitewater Alliance on specific projects.

Adams asked if this should be a MOU.

Steven moved to table the motion to dissolution the public arts commission until we have more guidance from the Whitewater's Alliance and City Attorney.

Steven withdrew the tabling motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Motion made by Board Member Adams, Seconded by Board Member Matthews.

Voting Yea: Board Member Adams, Board Member Matthews, Board Member Mane, Board Member Sahyun