

BLOOMINGTON ARTS COMMISSION

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

March 12, 2025, 5:15 to 6:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting:

In person: Gerard, Natalie, Leila, Karen, Robert, Betsy, Gretchen, Paul, Suzanne, Christina, Nada

Remote: Nia

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order/Welcome
2. BAC Minutes/Financials - January 2025
 - a. Minutes from the January 2025 meeting were distributed and approved
 - a. Holly reported that there is just under \$170,000 to spend on 3 Grant cycles this year, and we have \$5,000 to spend on professional development workshops. There is also \$16,500 to spend on public art and grants. No money has been spent yet.
 - b. Holly explained the three grant cycles and what the cycles fund.
2. City updates
 - a. Holly gave a brief update on our public art database and map. We have been working with an intern from the O'Neill school, and she is currently populating a public art database to give updated information about public art and working with our GIS department to turn that into a map that will be publicly accessible, starting at the beginning of April.
 - b. Chaz and Christina have been developing two workshops this month. One is called Community Care, and the other is how to paint murals. This workshop has 5 more openings and will be taught by Erin Toby. Christina and Chaz are working on programming for the rest of the year.
3. Commissioner Vote: Betsy Stirratt was voted on and approved as secretary.
4. Update: Grants - Elliot Josephine Leila Reichert, Grants Subcommittee Chair
 - a. Leila is still serving as Grant Subcommittee Chair
 - a. Leila reports that the grant applications for Arts Projects close on March 28th and the meeting of the committee will convene sometime during the weekend of April 25, 26th or 27th.
 - b. Leila suggested a tutorial for the new grant portal.
 - c. Holly clarified that the bus wrap project is not a BAC project.
2. Update: Public Art - Natalie Almanza, Subcommittee Chair
 - a. Hopewell is moving forward.
 - b. Stefan is coming from Germany to install the Trades District project OT987 and Carson is coming from the fabrication team. There will be public engagement events with an opening celebration on April 10.
 - c. Natalie said that there is progress on the Gateway piece. The commission will have final say on the sighting of the piece.
 - d. Public Art opportunities coming up: bus shelters, electrical boxes and the party bus.
3. From your Chair - Gerard

- a. Strategic goals task force has started to meet; Paul, Christina and Gretchen will be joining. There is not an official title for the subcommittee, but the plan is to present a draft in the fall.
 - b. In April the Arts Administration intern will make a presentation on the public art database. Please suggest other speakers for future meetings.
 - c. A new grants chair will need to be appointed for next year and Leila will be cycling off the commission. A new BAC chair will also need to be appointed for next year as Gerard is in his 3rd year. Natalie is also reaching her third year and could cycle off as Public Art chair.
4. [Upcoming events and important dates](#)
 5. Commissioner Announcements
 - a. Granfalloon announcements
 6. Public comment
 - a. No public comment.
 7. Call to adjourn

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