

## BLOOMINGTON ARTS COMMISSION

### FULL COMMISSION MEETING

November 12, 2025, 5:15 to 6:17 pm

Hybrid Meeting:

In person: Gerard, Betsy, Nada, Christina, Paul, Robert, Gretchen

Remote: Nia

### A G E N D A

1. Call to Order/Welcome
2. BAC Minutes/Financials
  - a. Minutes from the October 2025 meeting were distributed and approved.
  - a. Holly reported that there are no financial changes from last month.
  - b. Holly also mentioned that the city is getting the funding out for the Artistic Advancement grants.
  - c. We will vote on the Operations Grants allocations at this meeting. Holly was able to give a bit more funds for the operations grants from her budget.
2. City Updates
  - a. The 2026 arts budget was approved, so the BAC will have the same amount of money to spend on public arts and grants. The BAC was one of the few budgets that wasn't cut.
  - b. Holly is trying to get contracts out the door before the end of the year.
  - c. Wednesday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> will probably be the celebration of the grant recipients.
3. Presentation by Carol Rhodes and Lily Shan for Artists for Climate Awareness and Brushes for a Better Planet.
4. Update: Public Art
  - a. Call is live for Convention Center public art through November 17.
  - b. The selection process will include the BAC. The project is being run through the capital improvement board.
  - c. Christina reported that there will be a subcommittee meeting on Friday. Afterward there is a strategic planning committee meeting.
  - d. There are many applications for the Convention Center project.
5. Update: Grants - Gerard
  - a. Operations grant applications were allocated. We decided not to fund two applications because art is not the primary focus of the organization. We funded eighteen organizations.
  - a. Funding was based on the applicant's organizational capacity and budgets. The applications were high quality.
  - b. There was a motion to approve the grant funding package, and the grants committee approved it.
  - c. More efficient processes for getting the funding out will be pursued in the new year by Holly with the city.

- d. Personal contact has proven to be the best way to contact press and writers. Perhaps the press releases can be shared internally.
2. From your Chair - Gerard
  - a. On Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> there is a Boards and Commissions reception at the Waldron.
  - b. The task force is meeting, and they will be drafting their goals for next year.
  - c. Leila is stepping down from her role on the Commission and as the subcommittee chair of grants on January 30. Gerard will also be stepping down as the Chair of the Arts Commission and he is asking commissioners to step up to take one of these leadership roles.
3. [Upcoming events and important dates](#)
4. Commissioner Announcements
5. Public comment
6. Call to adjourn

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