

BLOOMINGTON ARTS COMMISSION

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

August 12, 2026, 5:15 to 5:47 pm

Hybrid Meeting:

In person: Nada Abdelrahim, Gerard Pannekoek, Robert Shakespeare, Rebecca Keogh, Gretchen Nall, Betsy Stirratt, Austin White, Lynn Hooker, Paul Anderson, Colin Dugger

1. Call to Order/Welcome
2. BAC Minutes
 - a. Minutes from the July 2026 meeting were distributed and approved.
3. Staff Report: Paige Sharp and Christina Elem
 - a. Budget is the same as last month.
 - b. Introduced a new Commissioner, Colin Dugger.
4. Paige Sharp: Communicating and storytelling
 - a. Paige shared a positive story about the impact of grant funding.
 - b. READI Grant has been funded by the state with a billion dollars. Some of the projects include building artist studios in the Showers building, some funding toward Switchyard Park, and a new artist directory.
5. Grants: Gerard Pannecoek Subcommittee Chair
 - a. The Grants committee voted on their minutes from the last meeting.
 - b. Artistic Advancement grants window closed with 82 applications. The review committee will contain commissioners and some outside community members. Applications will be reviewed in mid-September.
 - c. Operations Grants window opens on Monday. Several changes were made to the applications by Paige, Paul and Gerard.
 - d. Grants committee voted on and passed the new changes.
 - d. Paul Anderson is leaving the commission.
6. From your Chair: Nada Abdelrahim
 - a. Nada has nothing to report.
7. Public Art: Rebecca Keogh, Subcommittee Chair
 - a. The DBI public art projects are starting. There is a call out for the Uptown Plaza mural. Traffic boxes are in progress.
 - b. World Foods Market is in the design phase on their mural.
 - c. Drew Collins, the Cox Scholar intern gave an update on the progress of the GIS public art map. There are only 20 more pieces to add. Paige and Drew will start looking at the Public Art Policies.
 - d. OT987 is not lighting up and there is research and help from Rob Shakespeare to get it working again.

8. Upcoming events and important dates
9. Commissioner Announcements
 - a. IAC Fall fiscal 27 Arts Project support grants are open for 5013C organizations.
 - b. Christina mentioned that everyone must attend Commissioner training. They will contact everyone if you have not attended.
10. Public comment
11. Call to adjourn

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