



EDINA MINNESOTA

Arts & Culture Commission Meeting Agenda

May 28, 2026, 4:30 PM

Edina City Hall, Mayors Conference Room, 4801 W.
50th St.



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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

4.1. Minutes

5. Special Recognitions and Presentations

6. Community Comment

During "Community Comment," the Board/Commission will invite residents to share issues or concerns that are not scheduled for a future public hearing. Items that are on tonight's agenda may not be addressed during Community Comment. Individuals must limit their comments to three minutes. The Chair may limit the number of speakers on the same issue in the interest of time and topic. Individuals should not expect the Chair or Board/Commission Members to respond to their comments tonight. Instead, the Board/Commission might refer the matter to staff for consideration at a future meeting.

7. Reports/Recommendations

7.1. ACC Workplan Updates

7.2. 2027/2028 Workplan Discussion

8. Chair and Member Comments

9. Staff Comments

9.1. Upcoming Meetings & Events

10. Adjournment



Item Number: 4.1

Department: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Laura Fulton, Recreation Supervisor Art Center

Item Title: Minutes

Action Requested:

Approve meeting minutes from April 23, 2026 ACC meeting

Information/Background:

Attached, please find the meeting minutes from the April 23 ACC meeting.

Supporting Documentation:

1. DRAFT ACC 4.23.2026 Meeting Minutes

Arts & Culture Commission Meeting Agenda

April 23, 2026, 4:30 PM

Edina City Hall, Mayors Conference Room, 4801 W. 50th St.



1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Tim Scully, Laura Westlund, Alyssa Fram, Alana Zbaren, Maxine Steinberg, Caroline Byrd, Jignasha Pandya, Peterson Julia, Alvi B, Bernadette Piacek-Llanes

Members Absent: Ann Curtin

Staff Present: Laura Fulton, Recreation Supervisor; Jen Faeth, Program Coordinator – Public Art

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Zbaren requested that the date of the AAPI Festival be changed in upcoming meetings and events to Saturday, May 16. Jen Faeth was added to the agenda to discuss the new Public Art Storymap.

Commissioner Steinberg made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Scully.

Ayes: Tim Scully, Laura Westlund, Alyssa Fram, Alana Zbaren, Maxine Steinberg, Caroline Byrd, Jignasha Pandya, Bernadette Piacek-Llanes

Nays: None

Motion Passed

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

4.1. Meeting minutes from Feb. 26, 2026 Arts and Culture Commission meeting

Commissioner Fram made a motion to approve meeting minutes from Feb. 26, 2026. Motion seconded by Commissioner Byrd.

Ayes: Tim Scully, Laura Westlund, Alyssa Fram, Alana Zbaren, Maxine Steinberg, Caroline Byrd, Jignasha Pandya, Bernadette Piacek-Llanes

Nays: None

Motion Passed

5. Special Recognitions and Presentations

5.1. Public Art Map Presentation – Jen Faeth

Jen Faeth reported on the work done on the new Public Art Storymap. The commission discussed the map and offered ideas.

6. Community Comment

7. Reports/Recommendations

7.1. Initiative 1.1.2 Edina Art Grant Program

Commissioner Fram reported on the review of applications for the 2026 Edina Art Grant period. Ten applications were received. The initiative group recommends funding seven of the grant applications. Fram gave an overview of the seven selected applicants.

The commission discussed the initiative group's recommendations.

Commissioner Steinberg made a motion to approve recommendation of grants to selected 2026 Edina Art Grant recipients. Motion seconded by Commissioner Scully.

Ayes: Tim Scully, Laura Westlund, Alyssa Fram, Alana Zbaren, Maxine Steinberg, Caroline Byrd, Jignasha Pandya, Bernadette Piacek-Llanes

Nays: None
Motion Passed

7.2. 2026 Workplan Updates

Initiative 1.1.1: Art Center Colocation at Southdale Library

Fulton updated the commission on the progress of the construction of the new space.

Initiative 1.1.2: Edina Art Grant Program

Commission discussed mentorship opportunities for the new art grant recipients.

Initiative 1.1.3 Review Public Art Opportunities for New City Facilities and Locations

Fulton reported that a new public art piece has been installed at Fire Station 2.

Initiative 1.1.4: Commission Participation in Community Events

Commissioner Byrd reported that there are some exciting opportunities to participate in events. The initiative group will be regrouping after this meeting.

Initiative 1.1.5: Utility Box Art Wrap Program

Three of the five boxes were wrapped in 2025. The remaining boxes will be wrapped soon!

8. Chair and Member Comments

Chair Zbaren reported that the Edina Art Fair is coming up and that it would be great if all commissioners can come!

Student Commissioner Buzar Barua discussed the Domestic Exchange Program through Edina High School and requested contact information for MIA.

9. Staff Comments

Fulton reported on upcoming events at the Edina Art Center.

9.1. Upcoming Meetings & Events

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Pandya made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:52. Motion seconded by Commissioner Scully.

Ayes: Tim Scully, Laura Westlund, Alyssa Fram, Alana Zbaren, Maxine Steinberg, Caroline Byrd, Jignasha Pandya, Bernadette Piacek-Llanes

Nays: None

Motion passed



Item Number: 7.1

Department: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: Discussion

Prepared By: Laura Fulton, Recreation Supervisor Art Center

Item Title: ACC Workplan Updates

Action Requested:

Discussion only. No action required

Information/Background:

2026 Arts and Culture Workplan:

Arts & Culture Commission

The Commission strives to build a vibrant community through support of arts and culture and advises the City Council on artistic initiatives in Edina, including the Edina Art Center.

Initiative 1.1.1: Art Center Colocation at Southdale Library

The Arts and Culture Commission will continue to bring forward community perspective for the new Art Center, collocated at the Hennepin County Southdale Library.

2026 Initiative members: Piatek-Llanes, Scully, Steinberg, Westlund, Buzar Barua (s), Peterson (s)

Initiative 1.1.2: Edina Art Grant Program

Arts and Culture Commission members will review, refine and host a third year of the Edina Art Grant Program.

2026 Initiative members: Curtin, Fram, Pandya, Piatek-Llanes, Peterson (s)

Initiative 1.1.3 Review Public Art Opportunities for New City Facilities and Locations

The Arts and Culture Commission will review public art elements and make recommendations to public projects, such as Fire Station #2, Fred Richards Park, Braemar Arena and others.

2026 Initiative members: all

Initiative 1.1.4: Commission Participation in Community Events

Commission participation in up to two community events this upcoming year.

2026 Initiative members: Byrd, Scully, Steinberg, Zbaren

Initiative 1.1.5: Utility Box Art Wrap Program

Three of the five boxes were wrapped in 2025. The remaining boxes will be wrapped in 2026.

Supporting Documentation:

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Item Number: 7.2

Department: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: Discussion

Prepared By: Laura Fulton, Recreation Supervisor Art Center

Item Title: 2027/2028 Workplan Discussion

Action Requested:

Discussion only. No Action required

Information/Background:

The Council/Commission joint work session with Arts & Culture, Community Health and Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall.

City Council forms boards and commissions to foster resident engagement, offering meaningful ways for community members to serve, provide insight on key topics, and participate in impactful initiatives. Historically, commissions developed work plans annually; however, as of December 2024, a new two-year work plan cycle was introduced. In June of 2025, Council met with Planning, Heritage Preservation, Energy & Environment and Transportation commissions to discuss the development of a two-year work plan.

Purpose of the Work Session

This session serves as a foundational step in the two-year work plan process. It's designed to bring Council and commissions together to synchronize priorities, exchange feedback, and clarify direction before commissions begin crafting their formal work plans for 2027–2028. Instead of formal presentations, the focus will be on forward-thinking dialogue to better understand City Council's vision for each commission's work plan.

Expectations for Commission Members

Commissioners are encouraged to share key themes or areas of interest for consideration in the upcoming work plan. They should actively ask questions to gain guidance regarding scope, priorities, or direction and be attentive to Council's feedback, noting priorities and concerns.

Expectations for City Council

Council members will listen to commission ideas with strategic alignment and city values in mind. They will provide direction on which projects or topics should be included, identify where commissions can add the most value to Council's goals, and outline any constraints that may shape the work plan. Council members are also expected to ask clarifying questions to help guide the commissions' focus and ensure mutual understanding.

Framing the Two-Year Work Plan

As the commission prepares, remember that each commission's two-year work plan should include four to five key initiatives that either advance City Council priorities or fulfill mandates defined in city

code or statute (such as reviewing land use applications). Plans should follow a phased approach:

- Year 1: Study or research
- Year 2: Recommendations or implementation, as directed by Council

Work plans should align with the city's strategic priorities—Strong Foundation, Reliable Service, Livable City, Better Together—as well as the budget values of sustainability, stewardship, engagement, equity, and health. It's essential to be realistic about commissioner capacity and the resources required.

Next Steps - After the Work Session

Following the work session, each commission will finalize its proposed work plan in the coming months. These plans are to be submitted to Administration by September 2026. Commission's will present their proposed work plans to City Council on October 6. I will present staff comments to Council on November 4, and final approval will be December 1, 2026.

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Item Number: 9.1

Department: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: Information

Prepared By: Laura Fulton, Recreation Supervisor Art Center

Item Title: Upcoming Meetings & Events

Action Requested:

Information only. No action required

Information/Background:

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, June 2: City Council Joint Commission Meeting	5:30-7 PM	Edina City Hall, Community Room
June 5-7: Edina Art Fair		Edina Art Fair, 50th & France
Thursday, June 25: Regular Meeting	4:30 PM	Edina City Hall, Community Room
Saturday, July 4: Parade		4th of July Parade
Thursday, July 23: Regular Meeting	4:30 PM	Edina City Hall, Community Room
Thursday, August 27: Regular Meeting	4:30 PM	Edina City Hall, Community Room
September 11&12: Fall into the Arts Festival		Fall Into the Arts Festival, Centennial Lakes Park
Thursday, September 24: Regular Meeting	4:30 PM	Edina City Hall, Community Room
Thursday, October 22: Regular Meeting	4:30 PM	Edina City Hall, Community Room
Thursday, November 19**: Regular Meeting	4:30 PM	Edina City Hall, Community Room
Thursday, December 17**: Regular Meeting	4:30 PM	Edina City Hall, Community Room

**Date adjustments due to holidays

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