



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