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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. Discussion on 2027/2028 Arts and Culture Commission Work Plan

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 May 28, 2026 ACC meeting

Information/Background:

Attached, please find the meeting minutes from May 28, 2026.

Supporting Documentation:

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1. DRAFT ACC 5.28.2026 Meeting Minutes

Arts & Culture Commission Meeting Agenda

May 28, 2026, 4:30 PM

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



1. Call to Order

Chair Zbaren called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Ann Curtin, Tim Scully, Laura Westlund, Alyssa Fram, Alana Zbaren, Maxine Steinberg, Caroline Byrd, Jignasha Pandya, Bernadette Piatek-Llanes, Alvie Buzar Barua (s)

Members Absent: Julia Peterson (s)

Staff Present: Laura Fulton, Recreation Supervisor

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Curtin made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westlund.

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

Nays: None

Motion passes

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Fram made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Scully.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

4.1. Minutes

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7. Reports/Recommendations

7.1. ACC Workplan Updates

2026 Arts and Culture Workplan:

Initiative 1.1.1: Art Center Colocation at Southdale Library

Fulton presented about the progress of the new art center and Hennepin County Library building.

Commissioners discussed community engagement.

Initiative 1.1.2: Edina Art Grant Program

1) Fram presented the grant program details.

2) Pandya shared information about the AAPI Festival. The festival was very successful.

3) Picek Yannes met with Director Sorenson at the 50th and France Association to discuss the Edina Art Fair and the Emerging Artists booth. There are ten Emerging Artists showing and selling this year. Picek-Yannes also spoke with Sorenson about the concert series and student performers.

4) Fram reported on the Morningside Theater Company. The first performance kicks off on June 6. They will

host 5 performances outdoors at Nolan Mains.

Initiative 1.1.3 Review Public Art Opportunities for New City Facilities and Locations
No new information to report.

Initiative 1.1.4: Commission Participation in Community Events

- 1) Byrd reported on event participation. The commission plans to participate at AAPI Festival, Juneteenth, 4th of July Parade and the Fall into the Arts Festival to promote art in Edina.
- 2) Scully led discussion on participation in the 4th of July Parade.

Initiative 1.1.5: Utility Box Art Wrap Program

Fulton reported that the remaining two utility boxes are set to be wrapped this summer.

7.2. 2027/2028 Workplan Discussion

The commission began discussing the development of a work plan for 2027/2028.

8. Chair and Member Comments

No comments

9. Staff Comments

Fulton announced that classes for summer session are beginning in June.

9.1. Upcoming Meetings & Events

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Steinberg.

Ayes: Ann Curtin, 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: Piacek-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, Piacek-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.

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Item Number: 7.2

Department: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: Discussion

Prepared By: Laura Fulton, Recreation Supervisor Art Center

Item Title: Discussion on 2027/2028 Arts and Culture Commission Work Plan

Action Requested:

The commission has been requested to begin discussions on the 2027/2028 work plan and finalize by the September meeting. Chair Zbaren will present the plan to the City Council in October

Information/Background:

Questions Commissioners should consider for the July meeting

- 1. What emerging issues or opportunities do you believe the Commission should focus on next year?**
- 2. What community topics, concerns, or gaps have you observed that warrant a Commission initiative?**
- 3. What questions or considerations should guide a deeper analysis of these strategies?**
- 4. Which current initiatives should continue into next year, and which should sunset or shift in scope**

Process to Set 2027/2028 Work Plan

- The work plan initiatives are determined and worked on by the commission themselves.
- Each initiative is limited to no more than 4 regular members and up to two student members.
- Each initiative should have a designated lead. The lead's responsibility is to organize the work plan members on the deliverable and communicate with the Chair on when the item is ready for discussion by the full commission for the agenda. Initiative leads do work with staff on guidance and clarity.
- The initiatives must fall into one of five City Council Charges of 1. Study & Report, 2. Review & Comment, 3. Review & Recommend, 4. Review & Decide, or 5. Event.
- Typically the July and August meetings the commission will discuss ideas and focus areas for the work plan. The September meeting is used for finalizing the initiatives and recommending them by motion for City Council consideration.

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.

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Item Number: 9.1

Department:

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
Saturday, July 4	Information will be emailed	4th of July Parade
Thursday, July 23	4:30 PM	Edina City Hall, Community Room
Thursday, August 27	4:30 PM	Edina City Hall, Community Room
Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 12 & 13	Information will be emailed	Fall Into the Arts Festival, Centennial Lakes Park
Thursday, September 24	4:30 PM	Edina City Hall, Community Room
Thursday, October 22	4:30 PM	Edina City Hall, Community Room
Thursday, November 19**	4:30 PM	Edina City Hall, Community Room
Thursday, December 17**	4:30 PM	Edina City Hall, Community Room

**Date adjustments due to holidays

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