



EDINA
MINNESOTA

Arts & Culture Commission Meeting Agenda

July 23, 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

5.1. 50th and France Art Grant Presentation

5.2. Edina Asian American Alliance Art Grant Presentation

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. 2025/2026 Workplan Update

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 June 25, 2026 ACC meeting.

Information/Background:

Attached, please find the meeting minutes from the June 25, 2026 ACC meeting.

Supporting Documentation:

1. DRAFT ACC minutes 6.25.2026



Arts & Culture Commission Meeting Agenda

June 25, 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 4:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Ann Curtin, Tim Scully, Laura Westlund, Alyssa Fram, Alana Zbaren, Maxine Steinberg, Jignasha Pandya, Alvi B, Bernadette Piacek-Llanes

Caroline Byrd arrived at 4:46

Members Absent: Julia P.

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, Jignasha Pandya, Bernadette Piacek-Llanes

Nays: None

Motion Passed

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

4.1. Minutes

5. Special Recognitions and Presentations

6. Community Comment

7. Reports/Recommendations

7.1. ACC Workplan Updates

Initiative 1.1.1: Art Center Colocation at Southdale Library

Initiative 1.1.2: Edina Art Grant Program

- Fram reported for the arts grant initiative group. June was busy with programs utilizing the Edina Art Grant funding. The Edina Art Fair Emerging Artists booth, Donte Mearon's printmaking program, and the Juneteenth celebration have happened. The Morningside Theater group and the student performances at the concerts at Nolan Mains have ongoing programs throughout the summer.

- Commission discussed networking with Richfield Arts and Culture Commission on future programs. Both commissions tabled together during Juneteenth.

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

Fulton reported that the rotating sculpture program is going into its second year. No other public art to present on at this time.

Initiative 1.1.4: Commission Participation in Community Events

Scully reported on the 4th of July Parade route. Information has been distributed to Commissioners via email.

Initiative 1.1.5: Utility Box Art Wrap Program

Fulton reported that the final boxes at 50th and Halifax and 70th and W. Shore Drive have been wrapped. This concludes the utility box art wrap initiative.

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

Zbaren reported on the joint commission meeting in June. Zbaren then opened the discussion for the commission to begin thinking about the 2027/2028 work plan.

8. Chair and Member Comments

Curtain informed commission members about a Bastille Event taking place on July 13 in the Morningside Neighborhood.

Byrd asked if there were more opportunities to partner with Richfield Arts and Culture Commission.

9. Staff Comments

Fulton informed the commission that an Artist Panel Discussion is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, at 5pm.

9.1. Upcoming Meetings & Events

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Steinberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Byrd.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed



Item Number: 5.1

Department: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: Information

Prepared By: Laura Fulton, Recreation Supervisor Art Center

Item Title: 50th and France Art Grant Presentation

Action Requested:

No action required

Information/Background:

Rebecca Sorenson, Executive Director, 50th and France Business Association, will present.

Supporting Documentation:

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Item Number: 5.2

Prepared By:

Item Activity: Information

Item Title: Edina Asian American Alliance Art Grant Presentation

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Item Number: 7.1

Department: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: Discussion

Prepared By: Laura Fulton, Recreation Supervisor Art Center

Item Title: 2025/2026 Workplan Update

Action Requested:

Discuss and update 2025/2026 Workplan initiatives.

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 perspectives 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 have been wrapped recently. This initiative is complete.

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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 begun discussions on the 2027/2028 work plan. The Commission will finalize work plan initiatives 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: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: Information

Prepared By: Laura Fulton, Recreation Supervisor Art Center

Item Title: Upcoming Meetings & Events

Action Requested:

No action requested

Information/Background:

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, August 27	4:30 PM	Edina City Hall, Community Room
Saturday & Sunday Sept. 5 & 6	TBD	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 CityHall, Community Room
Thursday, December 17**	4:30 PM	Edina City Hall, Community Room

**Date adjustments due to holidays

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