



MINUTES
OXFORD PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION OF OXFORD
15 SOUTH COLLEGE AVENUE
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 AT 5:30 PM

Approval of Agenda

Members Present: Carole Katz, Joe Squance, Bobbe Burke, Therese Ernshwender, Amber Franklin

Staff Liaisons: Jessica Greene, Ashley Keeton

Joe asked to add a discussion of the "Beloved: Ohio Celebrates Toni Morrison" celebration, which will take place in 2026, to the agenda.

Approval of Agenda as Amended:

First: Therese
Second: Carole
Approved

Approval of Minutes

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First: Amber
Second: Joe
Approved

1. Minutes from the Monday, August 11th, Meeting

Old Business

Update from Jessica on the Parking Garage Mural. The artist has signed the agreement. He applied for a building permit and it was denied. Jessica and Ashley will meet with NIC, who process our building permits to ensure the second application has all of the required components in order to get approved.

New Business

Joe shared an upcoming, 2026 year-long celebration in our state, "Ohio Celebrates Toni Morrison," and the potential for PACO to do an event or project here as part of this celebration. City staff have an upcoming meeting regarding America 250, which is also being celebrated in 2026 and they plan to explore the idea of combining the celebrations for an event next year.

1. Call for Haiku: Haiku on Ice

Call for Poetry: Haiku on Ice will be released soon. Joe will share details of the call, and Ashley will prepare the webpage, submission form, and social media campaign. Bobbe also requested that an ad for the contest be placed in the Oxford Free Press.

Tentative dates for the project:

- October 6th: Post Call for Poetry
- November 14th: Deadline for Submissions
- November 21st: Have submissions compiled without poet names to PACO for review
- December 9th: PACO will vote on finalists at the December meeting

2. Traffic Light Mast Idea

Amber shared an idea with a sample RFP for installing art on traffic lights at the main intersections Uptown. The goal would be late summer of 2026.

3. Update on Duke Substation Mural: Miami Mural Class Collaboration

Staff are working with Miami on drafting a timeline for the Duke mural and creating an MOU. Hope to have details finalized for PACO to look at by the next meeting.

4. Alternative Approaches to Future Calls for Murals/Art

Discussion on alternative approaches to our calls for art. PACO would like to test out a 'request for qualifications' for a future project, where an artist(s) would be selected based on their qualifications and paid to complete a design. More steps would be involved in this process, potentially including a public engagement session in an effort to involve our community.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 6:16 PM

First: Joe

Second: Carole

Approved

Next Meeting: Monday, October 13th at 5:30 PM at the Municipal Building.