



MINUTES
OXFORD PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION OF OXFORD
15 SOUTH COLLEGE AVENUE
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025 AT 5:30 PM

Approval of Agenda

Members Present: Amber Franklin, Therese Ehrnschwender, Bob Benson, Joe Squance.

Staff Liaison: Jessica Greene

Approval of Agenda:

First: Bob

Second: Therese

Approved

Approval of Minutes

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Second: Therese

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1. Minutes from the Monday, September 8th, Meeting

New Business

1. Update on the Parking Garage Mural

The artist is still seeking a plan from a structural engineer to submit a building permit. City staff will volunteer to call engineers if he is still unable to find one.

2. Update on the Call for Poetry: Haiku on Ice

Haiku on Ice call has been released and is being promoted on social media, and will have two paid advertisements in the Oxford Free Press. Amber is planning to reach out to Seth for his business contacts. Jessica offered for Ashley to send a list of business locations for the last round.

If any PACO member has ideas and has made a connection for a new location, please inform Ashley.

3. Municipal Building Call for Art for 2026 Exhibit

The call for art is ready to go, but the commission has expressed interest in a theme or limited art genre. There was much discussion on this topic, and the commission settled on a theme of photography as art and photojournalism for 2026. Jessica asked a few commission members to draft a paragraph explaining the type of art to be submitted for the call. This will be due by noon on Monday, 10/20.

4. Finalize the Duke Substation Mural MOU

Jessica shared the details of the MOU and proposed timeline. The commission had some concerns about the approach over two spring semesters and asked for clarification from the mural professor.

Why every other panel? Will students in 2027 have the same artistic opportunity for the mural if building upon the work of the 2026 students?

OR

Should a series of shorter murals be done on that giant wall?

The commission asked staff to follow up on this and report back. The commission will also need to select a subcommittee to meet with the class during class hours and provide feedback. This will be finalized in November. A few special PACO meetings will need to be called to hit the goal targets for this mural in a spring semester.

5. Ohio Celebrates Toni Morrison Discussion

The commission explored wide-ranging ideas from partnering with the Lane Library, MU English Department, Talawanda, OCAC, and Red Door Music series. Several ideas were discussed, including a write-in while listening to Toni Morrison's work, or a "draw-in" or jazz and reading, etc. Jessica shared the outline of the Ohio Celebrates Toni Morrison website and will send out an invitation to an info session for commission members to learn more.

The November meeting will go into more detail on this idea.

6. Next Steps on Art Tour Guide

Jessica explained that she is working with an Arts Management class to pick up where intern Emily left off with the art tour research. We have a list of art and locations, and a limited write-up, but no photography. The class will explore photography and how to publish the work as a tour—either as a webpage, a printed booklet, or via an existing app platform.

Adjournment

Announcements: Please recruit applicants for our vacant position.

Motion to Adjourn at 6:25 PM

First: Bob

Second: Therese
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Next Meeting: Monday, November 10th at 5:30 PM at the Municipal Building