



MINUTES
OXFORD PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION OF OXFORD
OXFORD MUNICIPAL BUILDING
1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
15 SOUTH COLLEGE AVENUE
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026 AT 5:30 PM

Approval of Agenda

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

Staff Liaison: Jessica Greene

Approval of Agenda:

First: Joe

Second: Carole

Approved

Approval of Minutes

This item was tabled for the next meeting; minutes were mistakenly not attached to the meeting's agenda.

1. Minutes from the April 13th, 2026 Meeting

Business

1. Funding Request for Toni Morrison Celebration - America 250

Commission members discussed a funding request for the Toni Morrison celebration in partnership with OCAC. Amber Franklin motioned to donate \$250 toward the Toni Morrison celebration for food and art supplies. Seconded by Bobbe Burke. Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

2. Council Goals Review & Recommendation

- 2027 Research Items
 - Develop art along the bike trail
 - Explore the possibility of pavement art to improve public safety

Commission members discussed the Council research items of pavement art and art along the bike trail. After discussion, Carole motioned that the Oxford City Council designate \$50K in 2027 toward three potential art projects:

- Pavement art at the intersection of Sycamore and Locust St.
- Kinetic sculpture art along the Oxford Area Trail
- Panel art installation on the new public restroom.

Seconded: Amber Franklin

The commission aims to explore these art concepts for implementation in 2027. Amber shared the Bloomberg pavement art guide and case studies: <https://issuu.com/streetplanscollaborative/docs/asphalt-art-guide>

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

3. Final Review of Duke Substation Mural Ribbon-Cutting Celebration

4. Updates on Parking Garage Mural & Installation Timeline

Jessica shared that the garage mural should be completed by the end of May. She discussed the goal of creating a decal to be placed at the “sweet spot viewing area”. The commission reminded Jessica that an artist plaque was also needed.

5. Review of Timeline & Upcoming Dates Regarding the Amtrak Platform Project Mural

Jessica shared the active RFQ for the Amtrak mural and Talawanda’s request for 2 reviewers from TSD on the committee. This was generally well received, and Jessica is drafting an art agreement for the TSD property. She hopes to bring this to the TSD June board meeting and the 2nd June City Council meeting.

Announcements

Amber reminded the commission that she wanted to redraft the PACO position statement. Joe Squance will attempt to create a first draft for commissioners to review.

Jessica reminded members to reapply to the PACO Commission.

Therese shared that the Lane Library is hosting a viewing of the Toni Morrison documentary on May 18th. This documentary is also available on Netflix.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 6:25 PM

First: Joe

Second: Carole

Approved