

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)

MINUTES

January 7, 2026

6:00 PM City Hall

X	Marek Gliniecki, Co-Chair
A	Mary Schulteis, Co-Chair
X	Lynda Leonard, Gallery Director
X	Matt Lero, Council Representative
X	Jonna Crosby – Public Art Coordinator
A	Shannon Cole, Member
X	Tim Ross, Member
A	Todd Zimmer, Member
X	Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Asst City Administrator
A	Kelley Nielsen, Staff Liaison
A	Jan Faidley, Alternate Council Rep.
X	Christopher Hotchkiss, Member
X	Jaime Davis – Parks and Trees Committee
A	Kara Steen, Member

A. Call Meeting to Order – 6:00 PM, All attendees in person

B. Modifications to the Agenda – None

C. Meeting minutes from Last Meeting – Minutes for the monthly AAC meeting on November 5, 2025 were approved. There was no regular meeting in December, just a gathering of members to judge the holiday lighting contest.

D. New Business

1. Budget – Draft 2026 committee budget numbers were discussed with the reminder that AAC decided in early 2025 and again in November to transfer all unspent 2025 art acquisition funds into the 2026 Signature Art Fund. Art acquisition plans were delayed because of the development of the master arts plan, with the request that they would be reevaluated in 2026 after the plan was adopted. Jennifer will clarify this for the current 2026 budget process.
2. 2026 Projects - The dance project is still a desired opportunity, and we will proceed with it early this year if possible. Marek will contact the dance organization again. The artist in residency project is also ready to go, though the city's empty space in City Hall could be leased soon, affecting the description of the residency. Other projects previously that were postponed while completing the arts plan 2025 should now be reconsidered for 2026 and beyond.
3. The vinyl wraps for bus stops should be a priority for 2026. Jonna and Jennifer will draft an RFP for artists. Two or three should be hired to provide art for the six bus stops along Roe Blvd.

4. 75th Anniversary Art RFP – Jonna presented a draft RFP and received comments during the meeting. The RFP will be advertised by February 1, 2026 and submittals due April 1. Awards will be on or before April 15.
5. Bernie Lee artwork of Roeland Park Pool and businesses. Three drawings / paintings of old RP amenities and businesses are available for purchase, \$300 each. AAC voted to acquire them and display them at appropriate places in City facilities.
6. 2026 Sculpture Maintenance – The 48th St. Wall Mural still needs repair. All the public art needs assessment as recommended in the master plan. AAC and staff will develop a scope for an outside consultant to do this in 2026
7. Election of Officers – Marek suggested that he considers it appropriate to pass his Co-Chair role to another member. Our other Co-Chair Mary Schulteis was absent. Matt Lero, Shannon Cole and Todd Zimmer were nominated as potential Co-Chairs for consideration at the February meeting when all members are more likely to be present. Tim Ross was also nominated for Co-Chair and declined the nomination in favor of having artists or persons directly involved in creation of art in the Co-Chair roles.

E. Gallery Update – Lynda provided an updated schedule. The current exhibitors are JCDS artists, one of our repeating and favorite groups. There will be a reception for them on January 30, 4:30 – 6:00 PM.

Lynda asked that we be proactive for our 75th anniversary year and visualize an exhibit that contains historical content. We would need to collect items and memories by May 30 for an exhibition and this should be on the February agenda for more discussion.

F. Adjourn

Attachments – None, however the 2026 AAC budget and gallery schedule will be uploaded to the AAC Google Drive whenever they are updated throughout the year. Jennifer will send a link to the drive to all attendees and absent AAC members.