Arts Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 5, 2026
City of Lakewood – American Lake Conference Room
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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Arts Commission Members Present: Emily Feleen-Chair, Earl Borgert-Vice Chair, Sylvi Estrella, Darryl Owens, Phil Raschke, Adriana Serrianne, Susan Warner, Shauna Alexander, Kellis Parlett

Arts Commission Members Excused: Lani Neil, Adie Kleckner, Lua Pritchard, Laura Martinez

Staff Present: Roxanne Miles-Director Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, Jacque Hooyer – Administrative Assistant

Youth Council Liaison: None

City Council Liaison: Patti Belle

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PHIL RASCHKE MOVED TO ADOPT THE ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Of AUGUST 3, 2026. SECONDED BY DARRYL OWENS. QUESTION ON 2ND PAGE REGARDING MLK Committee. MPU AS WRITTEN.

NEW BUSINESS

Artist Project – Liam Toner: Liam Toner presented his Eagle Scout project to the Commission, which involves creating a mural at Harry Todd Park. Liam shared that he received approval by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and is bringing his design forward for approval, which is needed for him to fundraise and complete the project. Liam has completed the required project plan for the Boy Scouts of America, including the design, budget, and timeline. Pending the necessary approvals, including City Council consideration on October 19, Liam hopes to begin the project on October 24 or 25, weather permitting. Commission members offered several suggestions for funding and project support as well as encouragement. Darryl moved to approve the project and was seconded by Phil that it is a great project. MPU by oral vote.

Concrete Art Wrap: Review and approval of Angelina Soto's artwork will not take place during this meeting due to the artist's unavailability. More information will be forthcoming.

Arts Commission Retreat Planning: The date for the retreat is set for Friday, November 6, at the Asian Pacific Cultural Center. The meeting portion will take place from 4:00–5:30 p.m., followed by an art experience from 5:30–7:00 p.m. Updates were provided regarding the budget and available funding; costs will be requested from APCC and forwarded on to attendees. Information on potential activities and costs will also be requested.

Darryl asked whether the committee meeting would be open to the public and how that requirement would affect the retreat. Roxanne clarified how the meeting would be conducted and noted that the meeting portion will be livestreamed; the social portion afterwards would be closed and funded by Commission members and would not include any business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Joint Meeting with Council Debrief:

Sculpture Proposal: Earl shared that he reached out to a friend to discuss the project, including a realistic budget and potential artist options. The final concept and cost will depend on the Commission's preferences and approval by the City Council. One concept discussed was a "Tree of Life" sculpture incorporated around an oak tree, with doves representing harmony. The overall cost will depend on the size and scale of the sculpture. There has been significant research and interest within the community, with residents expressing support for moving the project forward. The group discussed the need to move forward with developing the project rather than focusing solely on the potential cost. Fundraising will be a necessary part of the solution. A 501(c)(3) organization, like

Partners for Parks, could provide an avenue for accepting donations. Roxanne said she could follow up with Partners for Parks and share the current agreement that the City has with them and see if it might be expanded upon.

Roxanne noted that the draft budget has $18,600 in the Public Art Fund for signal box wraps, funded by McGavick Center revenues. Any funds not expended in 2026 may roll over into 2027. The Sculpture is not currently in the proposed draft budget.

A subcommittee was recommended to focus on fundraising and Deputy Mayor Belle recommended updating the City Council regularly on the nonprofit organization possibility and the roundabout project. Earl will also work on developing a framework for the project and a fundraising strategy to help move it forward.

Collections policy: This was raised at the joint meeting. Susan will share the draft policy in advance of the next meeting for discussion for discussion on putting this back on the work plan and sharing it with Council in 2027.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Public Art Projects -

Fiesta de la Familia Floral Arrangement & Block Print Art: APCC won the Floral Display Art Exhibition. Next year, there will be tighter guidelines regarding the size of floral displays. Sylvia gathered gift cards for winners and to show appreciation for those who participated. Sylvi also shared that she felt event participation numbers were down from last year, and that there was not enough promotion for the event. Next year, it is hoped that there will be more input and involvement from the Marketing Team.

Three artists participated in the block print art activity; overall, it was a wonderful day of art and the vendors provided hands-on opportunities for the public. Sylvi would also like some compensation or gift cards to give to the block print artists as a thank-you. Darryl provided a historical recap of block printing. There is a significant need for educating the public about the arts.

It was suggested that the City website include information about the art and artists in the community. Deputy Mayor noted that the Ofrenda should have been located more centrally at the event.

Sylvia provided feedback that she needed more access to the Communications Team regarding how communications could be improved. Deputy Mayor noted that operational issues go to the City Manager, and his door is open for additional feedback and suggestions.

Signal Box Update: All art has been produced and installed by the print shop, with installation beginning the week of August 10. Weller box has been removed from the list of intended sites due to relocation, but the art could be used on a future box. We also held the Phillips box as it will be replaced in 2026; art can be installed once the new box is in place. Recognition is being planned for November 2 now that most of the work is complete.

Holiday parade and tree lighting: Cheryl Rux, artist, has been out at events collecting signatures and thoughts for the 30th anniversary recognition. Installation of art will be part of this event. The art has a similar look to a stained-glass window but is in strips that form a collective image, it will be shown at City Hall in the Council entry lobby. A memo was sent to Council earlier in the year.

Rotating Art Update: The fourth-quarter show will be the Pierce College Employee Art Show, with the reception scheduled for October 19, 5:00-6:30pm. Planning for 2027 art shows is still underway. The first-quarter show is expected to focus on a Youth Art Showcase highlighting the theme of Beloved Community. The reception will be held to align with MLK Day activities in January, and selected artwork from the showcase will be included in the Black History Celebration hosted at Pierce College in February.

Sylvia and Darryl shared their thoughts on the MLK Committee meeting and asked about Clover Park School District's participation. Roxanne provided additional context regarding the joint youth showcase art proposal as being a way to engage students at a district level. Many details were worked out over the summer. The MLK Committee takes a break over the summer during other events, so all groups are getting caught up and engaged around this new approach. The school district expressed interest in understanding how students could be specifically involved, with an emphasis on making the opportunity available to all students rather than specific schools/groups. This is one of the ways that Beloved Community discussion and awareness can begin in the fall and carry forward into the new year. Art will be visible for 3-months, with students being featured at the February MLK-Beloved Community Black History Celebration. The MLK Committee will be working on how all of the components flow together. The June MLK Committee discussion ended with discussion on how to build a new model that included more year-round elements that involved more youth. The August Arts Committee meeting minutes should be reviewed for additional details and previous discussions related to the project, which were focused on showing student work during the 1st Q rotating art exhibit as a way to advance the Beloved Community message through this project.

Sylvia and Darryl shared thoughts regarding what occurred during the MLK meeting and why it was confusing. Roxanne will work with Gretchen to address the information and apologized to the Committee that everyone didn't receive

the same message. Emily asked whether there would be a specific request or role for the Arts Committee. Roxanne agreed that an opportunity for the Arts Committee to participate would make sense, potentially aiding in the selection process of which art from the Showcase be part of the February MLK Beloved Community Black History Celebration, but noted that would be a good discussion for the Arts Commission representatives on the MLK Committee to consider.

The second quarter show is planned for the Lakewood Senior Center Art Show. The third- and fourth-quarter shows for 2027 are yet to be determined. Some ideas are listed to be pursued when the new Art & Event Coordinator is hired.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Sylvi noted that Lua requested something to honor Sally Martinez; she has been invited to attend the Retreat for recognition. Nancy Camirand has resigned and Laura Martinez will not be renewing membership. Phil Raschke suggested that they still be invited to the Retreat as well.

Susan Warner – Stated that work has been done to draft a collections plan policy, but not sure of future intent and if the city wants to own art. It was agreed to send the draft policy in advance of the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Arts Commission is scheduled for Friday, November 6, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at the Asia Pacific Cultural Center. This is a date change from the normal Monday meeting. (Note: Meeting was reset to November 2, 2026 before the adoption of these minutes).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Emily Feleen (Nov 4, 2026 15:24:59 PST)

Emily Feleen, Chair

Roxanne Miles

Roxanne Miles, PRCS Director

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