



## Public Art Commission Minutes

Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 12:00 PM

City Hall Overflow Room, CH-116  
203 Main Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho

**Members:** Melissa Crane, Chairperson; Janeale Dean, Vice-Chairperson; Amy Westover; Camille Barigar; Drew Nash; Laura Stewart; Tim Hafer

### 1) Call Meeting to Order/Confirmation of Quorum

Commissioner Crane called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM  
A quorum was present.

Members Attending: Melissa Crane, Chairperson; Janeale Dean; Camille Barigar, Drew Nash; Laura Stewart; Amy Westover

Member absent: Tim Hafer

Staff Attending: Wendy Davis, Mitch Humble, Council Liaison Craig Hawkins, Mable Shurtleff

### 2) Consent Calendar

a) Request to approve the minutes from the following meeting: July 1, 2025

**MOTION:** Commissioner Barigar moved to approve the minutes from July 1, 2025, as presented. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 6 to 0.

### 3) Items of Consideration

a) Strategic plan and funding ordinance update

Director Davis presented: We are waiting for an opportunity to meet with the consultants to discuss including public art in the strategic plan.

Deputy City Manager Humble noted there will be an opportunity to get input from advisory boards as part of the process.

b) Public Art Inventory Sub Committee update

Commissioner Crane noted she had updated the public art list and had handed it out to the commission for review. Some changes were duplicated items.

There was discussion on clarification of some of the listed items. We have identified most pieces as City property or public display art. Another update was the values of some of the pieces. There was discussion on some of the values being matched properly to the listed art pieces: Shoshone Falls painting might have been purchased for \$7,000 - \$10,000.

There was discussion about some of the donated pieces that are currently displayed within City Hall under the URA.

The subcommittee is tasked to identify the pieces along with value and come up with the estimated cost of maintenance.

There was discussion on the last wraps, and they may have a different cost for maintenance.

Commissioner Barigar noted the subcommittee might not be able to identify and come up with values and maintenance costs for all the pieces.

Commissioner Nash thanked the subcommittee for working on the list and that it really helps. Commissioner Barigar asked if we should start the task of deciphering maintenance costs on the two identified pieces but would like to know how to start the conversation about maintenance.

Director Davis answered: Contact the artist or individuals that were involved in the installation of the piece.

Commissioner Crane noted some of the artists had since passed away and would not be able to disclose the type of maintenance the art piece would need, but she would be able to contact the available artists.

Director Davis noted she and Mable could help speak with Lorie Bauer and see what records are available to close up the information gaps.

Commissioner Crane noted we can start by completing the list, then parcel it out and establish a maintenance schedule.

Commissioner Crane noted we should look for the original donation forms as that was one of the intents of the form: getting the value of the donated art piece.

Director Davis noted that we can add the new pieces' information to the established list. She also noted the subcommittee only allows 2 members to meet because 3 members meeting requires a scheduled meeting and needs to be recorded.

A meeting for the subcommittee should be scheduled.

- c) Consider a proposal from Deputy City Manager Humble and Commissioner Crane to curate the City Hall lobby for art display

Deputy City Manager Humble presented: He and Commissioner Crane walked around City Hall and noted the lobby area had a few art pieces on display. Currently, that includes artwork from children's drawings which depict where they reside. Before, they had photographs of different locations. The council has never been approached to make any decision on what to display.

It should be noted there's other wall space in the building that has great potential for art display and perhaps the Commission would like to take on the project and come up with a schedule to switch out the art every 6 months. Maybe display photography for a duration and painted art for the other.

Commissioner Crane noted prior to this Commission forming they did do some art installations. Currently, the hottest art trend is an art gallery at Meridian, and maybe we can manage an art gallery display here in Twin Falls. We would need to invest in installation for easy posting and changing art displays. And maybe have some younger artists' artworks on display. She also noted that some of the people approached her and voiced their opinion that art should only consist of significant historical-themed pieces as they are not in support of newer art.

Deputy City Manager Humble noted the current space with art displayed has been placed there without the committee's involvement.

Commissioner Nash noted that maybe there may have been some talk in the past that obligated historical art to be displayed at the locations, and we wouldn't know for sure

without some research.

Deputy City Manager Humble noted there's been a rotating series of photography art at this time, but there can be discussion on expanding some of the space and also displaying larger ceiling-hung pieces.

Director Davis noted the architecture of City Hall has a limited amount of real estate for art display, but perhaps that would enhance each art piece more.

Commissioner Stewart noted the windows may be a great location for art display.

Commissioner Crane asked to get a budget for installation at this time for art display. There was a discussion about displaying artwork for sale with QR codes that would be displayed during business hours.

Director Davis noted the intent is to invite the public to enjoy art.

Commissioner Crane noted she was invited to enjoy art displayed at a police station and that it was very inviting. It allowed the public to appreciate the department and what they do while enjoying art.

Commissioner Westover noted there's been curated art at the airports and libraries, which have become small art shows which allow artists to showcase their art to the community in a public arena.

There was discussion about how the local artists might feel about a program like this and who would be absorbing the cost of framing and displaying the pieces.

Commissioner Westover noted it may help the artists to display the art as a sale item instead of the City purchasing the art piece.

Commissioner Nash noted there may be different expectations from different artists as they may not want to incur costs while allowing the City to use the piece, since the artist won't know if the item will sell.

Commissioner Crane noted we could start with a free opportunity and learn/change the approach thereafter.

Commissioner Nash agrees with that approach.

Commissioner Crane noted there's an application the artist can submit for assistance in framing or prepping the art for display.

Commissioner Westover agreed with allowing artists an opportunity to display their art piece, then move to a possible selling opportunity. She also noted there's also theme limitation for art, i.e., Twin Falls City history related.

Deputy City Manager Humble noted we can also request a percentage of the sale to go back to the Public Art Commission to reimburse installation costs and fund the program.

Commissioner Crane expressed her concerns of sales proceeds not being enough to fund the program, since we really don't have much in budget for maintenance of the current inventory.

There was discussion about what this Commission is allowed to have as sponsorship.

Deputy City Manager Humble clarified and believes that it is a great idea but would like to be mindful of the location of display.

Director Davis noted that we can put together a package for the sponsorship.

Commissioner Crane noted we just took down some art banners recently and believe we have something consistent displayed.

Director Davis noted some places are public property vs personal property and may have different policies (logo vs verbiage only).

Deputy City Manager Humble clarified that some of the signs would just be directional only

and not sponsorship-related.

Commissioner Crane noted there may be more banners available and allowed for more opportunities for sponsorship.

Deputy City Manager Humble noted there are sign rules. Inside and outside signs would have different regulations. The signs outside may be used to direct the public to the art displayed within the building.

Director Davis noted the possibility of signs thanking the sponsors.

**4) General Public Input**

There was no public present.

**5) Public Art Proposal Update**

Director Davis noted for the next meeting: Updating the inventory list.

Commissioner Crane noted: Donation forms.

In which Deputy City Manager Humble asked for clarification.

a) CBH Hearts Across the Valley  
Tabled.

b) Home2Suites Mural  
Tabled.

**6) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 01:17 PM

Mable Shurtleff  
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