



Public Art Commission Minutes

Tuesday, October 7, 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 Dean called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM
A quorum was present.

Members Attending: Janeale Dean, Drew Nash, Amy Westover, Laura Stewart, Camille Barigar
Member absent: Melissa Crane, 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: September 2, 2025.
MOTION: Commissioner Barigar moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 5 to 0.

3) Items of Consideration

- a) Commissioner Barigar resignation
Commissioner Barigar announced her resignation from the Public Art Commission due to new employment responsibilities that limit her availability.
Discussion followed regarding the process for appointing her successor.
- b) Continue discussion of CBH Homes Hearts Across the Valley initiative
Director Davis reviewed the contract with the Commission. Commissioners discussed potential installation sites to ensure good public visibility.
- Commissioner Dean suggested the bridge/canyon rim overlook location, noting it could convey a strong community message and serve a dual purpose.
 - Sunway Park was discussed as a possible location.
 - Commissioner Nash emphasized distributing art throughout the city rather than concentrating it in one area.
 - Commissioner Barigar raised maintenance concerns for Sunway Park due to its heavy use by young visitors.
 - Harmon Park was mentioned but deemed unsuitable.
 - Canyon Rim Junction and Pillar Falls Trail were discussed as additional potential sites.
 - Commissioner Stewart suggested an art walk along the canyon trail to encourage diversity and accessibility.

Deputy City Manager Humble expressed appreciation for incorporating a suicide awareness message in the piece.

Commissioner Dean supported this theme as a positive and meaningful message for the

community.

Consensus: The Commission agreed to recommend the canyon overlook location for Council approval.

Director Davis will email the CBH representative regarding the suggested location and message theme. Legal review of the contract was also recommended.

- c) Report from Commissioners that attended the Strategic Plan meeting
Commissioners Dean and Westover reported on attending a Strategic Plan Meeting focused on long-term city development (15-year outlook).

Key points discussed:

- Public art funding is not currently integrated into the strategic plan.
- Identified challenges and collaboration opportunities with other commissions.
- Potential for integrating functional art (e.g., artistic lighting, railings).
- Possible funding partnerships with URA and Parks & Recreation.

Both commissioners noted a positive and collaborative atmosphere and expressed optimism about future art-related projects.

Director Davis thanked the commissioners for their advocacy.

- d) Consider making a request to council to change the funding mechanism in the Public Art section of code
Commissioner Dean shared that the URA invited a Commission representative to their November meeting.

A subcommittee will be formed to prepare a presentation for City Council regarding funding mechanisms.

Discussion included:

- Maintenance needs for existing art and the Hearts Across the Valley project.
- Potential establishment of a local community commission with an independent funding source.
- Clarification from Deputy City Manager Humble that no impact fees are currently allocated to art, though URA may have relevant funding mechanisms.

- e) Review the art proposal form
Item was tabled.

4) General Public Input

No public was present.

5) Public Art Proposal Update

- a) Discussion of current proposals including: America 250 historical art display, City Hall lobby art display, Pop up art gallery
Item was tabled.

6) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 01:10 PM

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