



Public Art Commission Minutes

Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 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; Drew Nash; Laura Stewart; Tim Hafer, Catherine Walworth

1) Mission Statement

2) Call Meeting to Order/Confirmation of Quorum

Chairperson Crane called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM

Members Attending: Crane, Dean, Westover, Stewart, Hafer, Walworth

Staff Attending: Davis, Humble, Hawkins, Green

3) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2026 Commission meeting.
Commissioner Dean feels that the minutes did not follow the topics and needs to reflect the takeaway and topics discussed.

Chairperson Crane moved to table the minutes until the next meeting.

4) Items of Consideration

- a) Consider CBH Hearts Across the Valley art submission.
- Commissioner Dean asked if this included the one submitted from the first round.
 - Submissions were discussed, and it was clarified that the recommendation would go to The Chamber.
 - Chairperson Crane commented on the incredible talent in the area.
 - Commissioner Hafer feels there were a lot of great applications. The Chickens came out aesthetically nicely, the potato blossom had more suicide awareness.
 - Commissioner Walworth feels the chickens are well done but don't convey the message as well. She liked the people hugging, butterfly.
 - Commissioner Westover said thank you to all the artists that submitted. She loves the chicken but doesn't feel it conveyed the message as well. The potato flower "purple pulse" design and "together we rise".
 - Commissioner Dean really likes the potato blossom, and the colors and items involved. She likes the pinkies holding, and the sunflowers. She feels that if we are trying to lean to a suicide awareness that having more human aspect on it would resonate with people since it's subtle. Her top choice is "together we rise" she likes the different perspective of the canyon, togetherness. The second choice would be the "glass connection."
 - Chairperson Crane said she agrees with all the comments she likes "together we rise" and would like to reach out to the artist and ask if the people depicted could have a greater representation of the people in the community to embrace the community.
 - Commissioner Stewart agrees and likes the "together we rise", she likes the color and feels it will be vibrant and noticeable outside.

- Chairperson Crane said there are 4 votes for "together we rise".
- Councilperson Hawkins noted that this year is the 50-year anniversary of the bridge opening.
- Director Davis said when she talked to Kyle, he wanted something that represented the canyon.
- Commissioner Dean let everyone know what the butterfly means in regard to mental health and suicide awareness.
- Chairperson Crane supported "Together we rise" with a suggestion to see if the artist will modify the artwork to be more diverse.

MOTION: Commissioner Westover moved to recommend the "Together we rise" submission with a suggestion to see if the artist will modify the base to be more diverse. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion.

Approved 6 to 0.

b) Continue discussion of call to artists for America 250 Art Display

- DCM Humble said he looked into the insurance question. We do have an insurance policy for pieces. He feels it would be hard to find the value of some pieces. He doesn't think there is enough time to get this done by July 4th.
- Councilperson Hawkins thinks the next 2 months are going to be busy enough with America 250 and 4th of July and he thinks it could be done after.
- Commissioner Dean couldn't remember about the cost of things.
- Chairperson Crane doesn't have the numbers right now.
- Commissioner Dean stated that the artists should be providing their own easels if needed.
- Chairperson Crane replied that the Commission didn't feel that they should use their limited funds on display cases.
- Commissioner Dean said if they are not in a hurry would there be someone in the community that would donate some things for display purposes. She asked if hanging was required, could it come from the building budget?
- Councilperson Hawkins said he was at an America 250 meeting, and someone might have a display case to borrow.
- Director Davis thinks they should do it later to keep the celebration going for the full year. Suggested asking city employees first to gauge interest.
- Commissioner Dean said it will be hard not knowing what people have to display to then be prepared on what to use to display.
- Chairperson Crane feels like there are resources that could be reached out to that could help out.
- DCM Humble let the Commission know there are items in the basement of City Hall and would look down there to see what's available.
- Commissioner Westover wants to start with the city employees first and see how many are submitted, then reach out to the community if more is needed.
- Councilperson Hawkins asked if they should reach out with specifics with employees and make it not just a painting.

Chairperson Crane recapped with the request for getting release of liability form; Councilperson Hawkins will reach out to city's 250 committee to see if they have work to display, tentatively for August to October; checking to see what City owns to display, once they know what is available, they will reach out to the community if they need more.

- c) Report on City Council presentation and request to amend resolution for funding

This item needs to be first on the agenda for the next meeting.

- Commissioner Dean feels like it will be longer than they have time for today.
- Commissioner Dean asked if everyone could get a copy of the presentation.
- Commissioner Stewart asked if Director Davis would convert it to PDF and email.

5) General Public Input

No public was present.

6) Public Art Proposal Update

- a) June Art Proposal Update

7) Adjournment

- DCM Humble said they could change the meeting day for next month due to schedule conflict with the pre-scheduled Hearts Across the Valley unveiling event.
- Director Davis will look at the calendar and send out a poll to see what different day could work for everyone.
- Director Davis noted there are 2 open positions for this commission.

The meeting adjourned at 01:11 PM

Jody Green, Planning Technician