



Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

10:07 am

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve: Jocelyn Campbell

Second: Ryan Searl

ATTENDEES

In-person: Amanda Zehr, Ryan Searl, Tami Koppen, Annette Barr, Jocelyn Campbell, Heather Pursley, Alaina Iverson

Call-in: Susan Burton

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

AGENDA

Marble Sculptures

The committee discussed locations for the marble sculptures and agreed on the Reddick Public Library's green space (pending approval from the library board), the Scouting Museum, and the Sculpture Walk.

Marbles are to be returned by April 3. Amanda will reach out to artists for progress pictures. Several committee members have volunteered to apply the anti-graffiti clear coat after the Art Committee Meeting on April 7. The city will install the sculptures by April 30.

The committee is planning for a May 1 unveiling of the sculptures at each of the locations.

Action Item

Tami Koppen will follow up with the city about installation procedures.

Morel Hunt Murals

The committee reviewed and voted on 6 submissions received. All were unanimously approved. Amanda noted that the submissions were open until the end of the day on Monday, March 3, and there would probably be more submissions after the meeting. The committee agreed to vote via email on submissions received after the meeting. 5 more submissions were received, and the committee approved all submissions unanimously. There will be 11 morel sculptures.

Artists are to return the sculptures by April 11. The committee will identify locations for all 11 submissions. Currently, Open Space, Prairie Fox Books, and Earthly Muse have agreed to host sculptures.

The morels will be unveiled during the Morel Fest. The committee discussed their involvement at the Morel Fest Fair. Amanda Weygand and Heather Pursley have offered to man the booth from 9 am-Noon on May 3.

Action Items

Amanda Zehr will inform all artists of their approval and help identify more business locations to host sculptures. **Susan Burton** will fabricate the more sculpture bases. **Heather Pursley** will get pricing for the printing of brochures.

En Plein Air Festival

The festival will be held Sept. 12-14. The committee discussed various event-planning aspects with action items listed below.

Action Items

- **Committee member** will reach out to Aussem Ottawa Tours about conducting (2) 1-hour tours on Friday, Sept. 12.
 - **Amanda Weygand** will reach out to Handy Foods for catering quote for reception on Sunday Sept. 14. Will also reach out to restaurants and businesses about offering art-inspired specials.
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Poet Laureate

The committee voted unanimously to approve the Poet Laureate program. They discussed specifics of the tenure, including whether it would be a pay-per-event or flat honorary, and brainstormed the types of events the Poet would create works for, including: State of the City Address, unveiling of public art, groundbreaking events, and fundraising/community-building events (for example, Freezin for a Reezin).

The committee discussed whether to appoint a Poet Laureate or put out a call for submissions and decided to put out a call for submissions.

Painting Picnic Tables

The committee discussed the specifics of this project and materials necessary to complete.

Mosaic Flower Rehab Update

The committee discussed the installation at the Visitors Center.

Action Item

- **Tami Koppen** and **Susan Burton** to discuss the specifics of the installation.
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2025 Projects Budget and 2026 Ideas

The committee discussed current and ongoing projects to be included in the 2025 budget. Some items were decided to be moved to 2026 due to time constraints. Budget will be voted on and approved by the city council.

Meeting Adjournment

11:27 AM

Motion to approve: Annette Bar

Seconded: Ryan Searl