

BLOOMINGTON ARTS COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION MEETING
June 10, 2026, 5:15 to 6:15 pm

Hybrid Meeting:

In person: Nada Abdelrahim, Gerard Pannekoek, Betsy Stirratt, Paul Anderson, Austin White, Rebecca Keogh

1. Call to Order/Welcome
2. BAC Minutes
 - a. Minutes from the May 2026 meeting were distributed and approved.
3. Staff Report: Christina Elem and Paige Sharp
 - a. The City of Bloomington arts division is now fully staffed. Paige Sharp started on May 26th, and she gave a bit of background on herself.
 - b. There will be a board and commissioners training on June 11. All commissioners have to go through training.
 - c. Reminders: all subcommittee meetings need to take minutes and distribute them a week before the next meeting.
 - d. No changes to the financials.
4. Presentation by Nick Blandford about the Trades District Placemaking Task Force.
 - a. They are looking for a member of the BAC to serve on this Task Force. This task force will include many different people from the community. This will be an extended opportunity through 2028, with primarily virtual monthly meetings.
 - b. Goals for the group are to provide vision strategies, participate in individual public art feedback, artist selection, and procurement. There will also be workshops and an annual block party.
 - c. Gerard wanted the PR to be clear about who is signing off on public art decisions in the trades district.
5. From your Chair: Nada Abdelrahim
 - a. Thanks for keeping up with attendance.
 - b. Fill out the conflict-of-interest sheet and mark it on the attendance sheet.
6. Public Art: Rebecca Keogh, Subcommittee Chair
 - a. New projects are coming in the next few months. The Hopewell project with Jon Racek will begin soon, and a project at Miller-Showers Park is upcoming.
 - b. Downtown Bloomington Incorporated will have a call for proposals for a traffic box project.
 - c. There are two mural RFP calls launching on July 13th. The two projects are the alley near Peach Cobbler Factory and the World Foods Market. The public art subcommittee plans to have them installed by the end of October.
 - d. An Intern will help to make the public art map/database happen. He has extensive experience with GIS, which will help finish the project. There were questions about whether there would be a submission process from community members.
7. Grants: Gerard Pannekoek and Paul Anderson, Subcommittee Chairs
 - a. Arts Project Support grants were adjudicated, and a funding package was decided. Letters to grantees have gone out. 78 applications were reviewed and 27% of the total asks were funded. 56% of the applicants received some funding.
 - b. Artistic Advancement grant guidelines are being revised by Paul.

- c. Kayte Young passed away, and there was discussion about the BAC issuing a public statement. There will be a statement in the BAC newsletter.
 - d. City Staff are trying to consolidate newsletters and mailing lists.
8. Upcoming events and important dates
 9. Commissioner Announcements
 10. Public comment
 11. Call to adjourn

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