

BLOOMINGTON ARTS COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION MEETING
July 8, 2026, 5:15 to 6:18 pm

Hybrid Meeting:

In person: Nada Abdelrahim, Gerard Pannekoek, Robert Shakespeare, Rebecca Keogh, Gretchen Nall

Remote: Austin White

1. Call to Order/Welcome
2. BAC Minutes
 - a. Minutes from the June 2026 meeting were distributed and approved.
3. Staff Report: Christina Elem and Paige Sharp
 - a. Paige Sharp updated that artists were informed that they received funding \$76,900 in the Arts Project Support grants.
 - b. There are professional development funds of \$2,750 to support Andrea Sterling to work with artists about collaborating.
 - c. Christina mentioned there is a public art policy addressing Right of Way. This is the permitting process for public art that will be located on city streets, sidewalks, etc. The permit would go to the public art subcommittee to have final approval of the proposal. There were suggestions to make a map of all public right of way areas and promote this to the public. There is no fee for the permit.
4. Paige Sharp: Communicating and storytelling
 - a. Currently there is no sharing of BAC information or accomplishments beyond a press release. There were suggestions tying the BAC initiatives to economic success in Bloomington. Paige would like to do a monthly share out on social media about what artists are accomplishing with their funding. She also wants to develop a system to promote grantees.
 - b. Rob suggested that we try to increase arts funding by utilizing the 1% for the arts. We should also publish an end of the year list of what we accomplished.
 - c. There will be more ownership of the newsletter in the future.
5. From your Chair: Nada Abdelrahim-
 - a. Nada has nothing to report.
6. Public Art: Rebecca Keogh, Subcommittee Chair
 - a. The DBI public art projects are starting. There was some tabling done to collect input. The call will launch the call next week.
 - b. Underlay (Jon Racek project) is now waiting for the concrete installation.
 - c. Gateway Project: There will be a meeting with the parks department to launch a call and develop an RFQ.

d. Duke mural-there was only a portion of funding provided, and additional funding must be found to complete it.

7. Grants: Gerard Pannecoek Subcommittee Chair

a. Arts Project Support grants were adjudicated, and a funding package was decided. The process of funding is underway.

b. Artistic Advancement grants call is live. We are funding up to \$2000 to advance artists practice or career advancement. We will recruit from the commission again to review applications, probably the week of Sept. 14-18 th . The Operations grant will follow.

8. Upcoming events and important dates

9. Commissioner Announcements

10. Public comment

11. Call to adjourn

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