



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Commission on Cultural Affairs Standing Committee on Public Art

Monday, February 23, 2026
3:30 PM

Regular

City Hall
Room 1C
701 E. Broadway
Columbia, MO

I. CALL TO ORDER

Staff present: Sarah Dresser (Cultural Affairs Manager) and Gabe Huffington (Parks & Recreation Director)

Chair Froidl called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Present: 4 - Tootie Burns, Jamie Scheppers, Molly Froidl and Stacey Thompson

Excused: 1 - Sarah Bohl

II. INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions needed.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Scheppers, seconded by Thompson; motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from Feb. 6, 2026 meeting

Attachments: [2.6.26 Draft Minutes](#)

Motion to approve the minutes from Feb. 6, 2026 made by Burns, seconded by Thompson; motion carried.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Flat Branch Park Art Project Submissions

Dresser and Huffington provided an overview of the Flat Branch Park expansion project. A permanent public art display that is intended to be heart-themed will plan to go in the area of the new bridge access on the northwest corner of the park. A Request for Qualifications was issued to Missouri artists, and seven applications were received. At this meeting, the committee will look at applications that feature examples of artists past projects and plan to narrow down the list to finalists to interview at the next meeting.

The committee reviewed images from the seven applicants. The committee was drawn to the artists who had previously works in metal sculpture and chose to proceed with Artist

5 (Joe and Terry Malesky) and Artist 7 (Matt Moyer). Those artists will be invited to attend via video to be interviewed at the next committee meeting.

VII. REPORTS

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Dresser shared the results of the Sculpture on the Move draft selection that took place on Feb. 19, 2026. The ranking of choices from the Standing Committee on Public Art's previous meeting were used to make Columbia's choices for the program. The next steps will be to work on artist agreements with the City and plans for installation in the North Village Park, likely September or October 2026. Huffington gave an update on upcoming logistics to start work on the park.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

Dresser hopes to plan a time to meet in the coming weeks to interview the two artist finalists. She will confirm times with the committee.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. made by Scheppers, seconded by Burns; motion carried.