



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes

### Commission on Cultural Affairs Standing Committee on Public Art

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Friday, February 6, 2026  
3:00 PM

Regular

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

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Froidl called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

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

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

**Excused:** 1 - Sarah Bohl

#### II. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion to approve the July 10, 2025 minutes by Thompson, seconded by Burns; motion carried.**

Minutes from July 10, 2025

**Attachments:** [7.10.25 Draft Minutes](#)

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

Sculpture on the Move Program: Committee selections for North Village Park

Dresser shared that the City plan to become a member of the Creative Communities Alliance and take part in its Sculpture on the Move program, which pairs artworks with cities for display on two-year terms. Ahead of the selection draft, the participating city will determine its top ranked choices from artwork that is available, and then works are matched with the community. City of Columbia plans to utilize this program with the new North Village Park.

Gabe Huffington gave an overview of the North Village Park and the locations on the perimeter of the park that are suitable for rotating art works. The Sculpture on the Move program will make it possible for art work to be installed right away, while other public art projects can be installed over time (for example the art benches and entrance sign, as well as a potential large-scale public art piece in the center of the park).

Dresser had sent the selection of eligible art works (over 200) to the committee ahead of the meeting, and each member sent staff their top 10-15 choices. At this meeting, the committee's top 42 art works are under consideration. Several members had chosen the same pieces, so those artworks were ranked at the top as choices. The group went through all of the eligible works to determine which top choices to move forward. The group ultimately ranked the works as follows:

1. Every Piece Has a Place by Alexander Mendez
- 2a. Gotta Practice by Lee Leuning & Sherri Treeby
- 2b. (if 2a. is unavailable) Tulip by Travis Baker
3. Bet You Can't Pin Me Down by Justin Deister
- 4a. Magnify by Kirk Seese
- 4b. (if 4a is unavailable) Icosahedron by Kirk Seese
5. The Day Gertrude Flew the Coop by Glory Hartsfield
6. propensity by Ben Pierce
7. Bunny for Nothing by Craig Snyder
8. Peeps by Jessie Cargas
9. To the Moon by Howard Russo
10. Twist by Howard Russo

Dresser will submit this list to Creative Community Alliance ahead of the selection draft, which will take place on Feb. 19, 2026.

The plan would be for these works to be ready to install in the park by its opening in early fall 2026.

#### Upcoming public art projects

Dresser and Huffington gave an overview of the other public art opportunities currently underway for the North Village Park (entrance sign and art benches) as well as Flat Branch Park. Those calls for artists close on Feb. 9, 2026.

### VII. REPORTS

None.

### VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

None.

### IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

Dresser will reach out to the group to schedule the next meeting, likely for late February or early March.

### X. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn at 4:13 p.m. made by Froidl, seconded by Scheppers; motion carried.**