



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Commission on Cultural Affairs

Monday, September 8, 2025

4:15 PM

Regular

City Hall
Council Chambers
701 E. Broadway
Columbia, MO

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Moxon called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Present: 8 - Kristin Gadsden, Molly Froidl, Diana Moxon, Stacey Thompson, Kate Nolte, Ryan Hobart, Jennifer Jennings and Spencer Thompson

Excused: 3 - Cameron Dorth, Linda Helmick and Kathleen Murphy

II. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Moxon, seconded by Nolte; motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from July 14, 2025

Attachments: [7.14.25 Draft Minutes](#)

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2025 meeting made by Froidl, seconded by Jennings; motion carried.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

None to report

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Small Request Applications

As we come to the end of the City's fiscal year 2025, there are three small requests that have been submitted. If approved, the first request from North Village Arts district could be funded from FY25 small requests funds balance (\$2,000 remaining). The other two requests that occur after start of new fiscal year would be funded from FY26 funds (starting balance \$3,000, pending budget approval).

North Village Arts District

Request: \$500

Summary: The North Village Art Walk Fence Community Project will occur from late September through its community installation on October 3, 2025. Funds will be used to

purchase materials for the art installation and the community will be invited to assist in the installation and observe during the first Friday in October. The result will be a public art display in the North Village Arts District. This program was not part of the FY25 annual arts grant funding request.

Columbia Gadget Works

Request: \$500

Summary: This is the first request from this organization, a nonprofit makerspace located in The Loop. The request will support "Build Night: Community Maker Series: to be held monthly from October 2025 to February 2026.

Columbia Art League

RequestL \$500

Summary: Columbia Art League requests funding for Fall into Art to be held Nov. 1-2, 2025. This is the first year that CAL will host this long running event (it was previously organized by another group before finding its new home with CAL). This program was not a part of the FY26 annual arts grant funding request.

Motion to approve North Village Arts District request for \$500 made by Moxon, seconded by Hobart; motion carried.

Motion to approve Columbia Gadget Works small request for \$500 made by Moxon, seconded by Spencer Thompson; motion carried.

Motion to approve Columbia Art League's small request for \$500 made by Moxon, seconded by Jennings, Stacey Thompson and Kate Nolte abstaining due to conflict of interests; motion carried.

VII. REPORTS

Commission

Secretary's Report

None to report but a reminder that if you visited a local performance, thank you cards are available to send to the organizations.

Standing Committee on Public Art

Dresser reported four new installations will be taking place this month on downtown traffic signal boxes, the latest in the public art license program that were approved. Also, OCA is meeting soon with Parks & Recreation staff on a number of upcoming projects, and a subsequent meeting with the SCPA will likely occur later this fall.

It was suggested that more "spent" traffic boxes be auctioned at the next Celebration of the Arts event.

Commission Vacancy

Vera Elwood was selected as the Ward 2 Councilmember, so that leaves a vacancy on the Commission. Since she was fulfilling a partial term with an end date of October 31, 2025, the City Clerk's office asked if we wanted to wait to advertise until the month of October so that the vacancy could be filled with other terms. The vacancy will be advertised in late September with applications being due by 5 p.m on October 3 and appointments being made on October 20 for terms ending in 2028.

Staff

Columbia Arts Fund Update

The current balance is \$389,423.18. The proceeds from our event last month will be transferred later this year during the City's quarterly budget adjustments (likely December). Total net revenue from the event is estimated to be just over \$11,000. We are also preparing to participate in the CoMoGives campaign.

Celebration of the Arts

It was a great event with a turnout of just around 200. Regardless of lack of poster sponsor and the increase in expenses for the food, the event generated roughly \$11,000.00. Staff thanked the Commission for attending and volunteering.

Agency Assistance

None planned at the moment.

Status of FY25 & FY26 Funding

FY25 final reports due from Ragtag Film Society, GreenHouse Theatre Project, Access Arts, and Mid-Missouri Traditional Dancers.

Organizations recommended for FY26 funding have been sent instructions to complete their interim reports. After City Council approves the FY26 budget next Monday, grant agreements will be sent to organizations, and those will be on an October 2025 Council meeting for approval.

It was proposed that monthly art reports be sent to Council so that they realize the economic impact the events have in Columbia. Dresser stated she can include this in communications from department that goes out to City Council members.

IX. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

None.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

October 13, 2025

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 4:54 p.m. made by Moxon, seconded by Jennings; motion carried.