



AGENDA PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

July 16, 2026
at 6:00 p.m.

City Hall Conference Room
346 E. Ida Street
Stayton, Oregon 97383

MEETING INFORMATION

The Stayton Public Arts Commission will be meeting in-person at the above location, but the meeting can also be attended virtually. If you would like to virtually participate in the meeting, please contact the Planning office at pwa@staytonoregon.gov to receive an invitation to the online meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MEETING MINUTES

- a. Approval of June 18, 2026 meeting minutes

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Public Comments and/or Presentations
- b. SummerFest 2026 “Chalk the Bridge”
- c. September Art “Quarterly” Event
- d. Review “The Waterways of Stayton” for potential Flowing Through Time Phase II mural images and discuss obtaining additional historic photos.
- e. Art Work on City Hall Conference Room

4. OTHER BUSINESS

5. ADJOURN

The meeting location is accessible to people with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you require special accommodation, contact the Community and Economic Development Department at (503) 769-2998.



CITY OF STAYTON
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Stayton Public Arts Commission
FROM: Jennifer Siciliano, Community and Economic Development
DATE: July 16, 2026
SUBJECT: Agenda Items

This memorandum is intended to provide an overview of the agenda items for the Stayton Public Arts Commission's regular meeting scheduled for July 16, 2026. The agenda includes the following three items:

Public Comments and/or Presentations

No presentations have been scheduled for this meeting. As always, members of the public are welcome to attend and provide comments during the public comment portion of the agenda.

SummerFest 2026 – "Chalk the Bridge"

The Commission previously discussed sponsoring a community chalk art activity during SummerFest. Staff has purchased sidewalk chalk for the event.

Because neither the commissioners nor City personnel will be able to staff the event, the Commission may wish to discuss ways to encourage participation, such as:

- Providing an A-frame sign inviting children and families to draw on the parklet. Howard, City staff, can likely assist with creating the sign.
- Placing the chalk in a basket or container at the site. The Commission may wish to identify someone who can provide a basket or box for the chalk.
- Having Commission members stop by periodically during the event, if available.

Staff also discussed cleanup with the Acting Public Works Director. Public Works is supportive of the approach previously suggested by Commissioner Mark Kronquist, which is to wash the chalk from the pavement using a hose following the event.

September Quarterly Art Event

The Commission previously discussed holding another community art event in September and selected a tentative date; however, it was not captured in the meeting minutes, so the date is unknown.

To assist with scheduling, a copy of the Community Center calendar has been provided.

The Commission should discuss:

- Whether to proceed with the previously discussed craft swap or another type of event.
- The desired date and time.
- What assistance will be needed from Commission members to organize and implement the event.

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Review of The Waterways of Stayton for Potential Flowing Through Time Phase II Mural Images

Staff will bring a copy of *The Waterways of Stayton* to the meeting for the Commission's review.

The Commission may wish to identify and suggest historic photographs that could serve for the next phase of the Flowing Through Time mural. Staff has also informed Juli Bochsler that this discussion would be taking place.

The Commission should also discuss additional sources of historic photographs and determine whether members would like to contact local organizations or individuals that may have photographs available for consideration.

Artwork for the City Hall Conference Room

The Commission has previously discussed displaying artwork within the new City Hall conference room. More recently, Eric Loftin contacted the City Manager regarding this idea.

The Commission may wish to discuss whether it would like to establish a process for receiving, reviewing, selecting, displaying, and rotating artwork.

Because this type of program would require ongoing coordination with artists, the Commission should also consider what responsibilities would appropriately be handled by Commission members versus City staff.

Director's Notes

The Public Arts Commission has made meaningful progress during its first year, including developing community art opportunities. As the Commission considers future projects, staff would like to offer a few observations for future discussion.

The Commission was originally established with the expectation that it would generally meet on a quarterly basis. While additional meetings can certainly be scheduled as needed, City staff currently have limited capacity due to staffing levels and vacancies. Continued success will depend upon Commission members taking an active role in organizing events, coordinating volunteers, contacting artists, and helping implement projects.

As the Commission grows, members may also wish to consider establishing an independent nonprofit organization, such as a Friends of Stayton Arts group. This type of organization would operate independently from the City, with its own leadership and responsibilities for formation and ongoing operations.

A nonprofit organization may be a more effective avenue for bringing arts programming to Stayton and could complement the work of the Commission. For example, Historic Downtown Stayton (formerly Revitalize Downtown Stayton) operates in this manner and successfully organizes events such as the TGIF monthly summer series.

The Public Arts Commission would continue serving its advisory role to the City Council, while a nonprofit organization could focus on implementing projects and expanding arts opportunities within the community.



CITY OF STAYTON PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

Thursday, June 18, 2026
City Hall Conference Room
346 Ida Street

CALL TO ORDER: Quorum Present. Mr. Raba called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: Mark Kronquist
Nick Raba
Kimberly Dwyer virtual
Eric Loften

Absent: N/A

Staff: Jennifer Siciliano, Community & Economic Development Director
Susan Bender, Office Specialist

Guest(s): Sarah Brown of Lyons

MEETING MINUTES: Mr. Kronquist moved to approve the minutes from April 16, 2026. Mr. Loftin seconded. Motion passed 4:0

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. Public Comments and/or presentations: Ms. Brown introduced herself.
- b. SummerFest Planning: Fest is planned for July 26th, a Saturday. Mr. Raba will be working at the Chamber booth. Ms. Dwyer will be busy with the Santiam Hospital booth. Discussion of activities at the Parklet on the bridge. Need to purchase appropriate chalk. Howard to be tasked with posters and other outreach. Mr. Loftin suggested the Commission put out a call for volunteers to be available during the event. There was some discussion on whether the chalk would have to be cleaned up afterwards, and a general feeling that it could be left to wash or wear away, unless there are complaints. Mr. Kronquist volunteered to spray down the area if needed, both before and after.

- c. Upcoming Art Events: The Commission discussed holding regular community art events. A tentative date near the end of September was suggested for the next event. A Craft Swap was identified as a potential event.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Raba adjourned the meeting at 7:03 pm.

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