



Public Art Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2025 at 12:00 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Charles Hamilton, Peggy Bohl, Carolyn Fennell, Laura Burst

Absent

Danny Humphress, Elizabeth Ingram, Austin Reeves

Staff Present

Assistant Director of Communications Craig O'Neil, Sr. Advisor Arts & Culture Anda Ariail, Graphics Specialist Meghan Robinson.

1. Call to Order

Mr. O'Neil called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

2. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Hamilton suggested delaying the selection of the Chair and Vice Chair to a future meeting to enable absent board members to participate. Mr. O'Neil indicated that Ms. Ingram was interested in serving as Chair, whereas Mr. Austin was not.

Motion made by Ms. Bohl to suspend the selection of Chair and Vice Chair until the full board is present; no one seconded.

Motion made by Ms. Bohl to nominate Mr. Hamilton as Chair. Mr. Hamilton declined.

Motion made by Mr. Hamilton to nominate Ms. Fennell as Chair, seconded by Ms. Bohl. Ms. Fennell accepted. Agreed by consensus.

Motion made by Ms. Burst to nominate Mr. Hamilton as Vice-Chair, seconded by Ms. Bohl. Mr. Hamilton accepted. Agreed by consensus.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of May 19, 2025

Motion made by Ms. Bohl to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Burst.

Gigi Papa 1440 Hibiscus Ave., suggested that PAAB organize their agenda placing public comments before the consent agenda to encourage public input on the minutes.

Motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

4. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda): Three minutes allowed for each speaker

Gigi Papa 1440 Hibiscus Ave. commented that the PAAB meeting time is inconvenient. Ms. Papa also made several comments: she finds the Bloomberg App to be time-consuming and unnecessary; gateway sign polls do not align with the natural environment, which should be considered for the gateway and Mead Garden signs at Seven Oaks Park; the mural project status remains uncertain, and architectural features vary inconsistently across the city; residents seek input on funding for America's 250th celebration; and she notes that the EV stations are unattractive, suggesting that adding tree whisper panels could help conceal them.

Mr. O'Neil stated that several of Ms. Papa's concerns are on the agenda to be discussed during the meeting. He clarified that the gateway signs are not an initiative of the PAAB, and that public comments are solicited prior to the approval of the minutes on the provided agenda template that all boards follow.

5. Action Items

a. Bloomberg Connects

Mr. O'Neil informed the board that the Bloomberg Connects contract, and the time commitment were included in the packet. Ms. Bohl characterized Bloomberg Connects as a marketing service tailored for museums. Ms. Fennell inquired about the allotted time for implementing and running Bloomberg Connects. Mr. Hamilton advised that he and Mr. Humphress have agreed to implement Bloomberg Connects.

Mr. O'Neil explained that, according to Bloomberg, after the agreement is signed, an orientation session and a guide development process spanning 12 to 13 weeks will be conducted, requiring approximately 10 hours per week. Staff will be responsible for reviewing the transfer of the collection to the platform and providing the final approval. The discussion was ongoing, with Mr. Hamilton expressing a desire to proceed and Ms. Bohl preferring to assess the reception of the current city webpage.

Motion made by Mr. Hamilton to table until the next meeting for more board member input, seconded by Ms. Fennell, The motion carried unanimously by a 4-0 vote.

b. Seven Oaks Park Sculpture(s) Procurement Process

Mr. O'Neil requested the board to proceed with the art procurement process in Seven Oaks Park by setting a budget for the sculpture(s) and defining the scope for the RFQ, including the number of artists and stipends for those selected to advance to the RFP stage. The reinstatement of "Art on the Green" in Seven Oaks Park and the installation of two permanent sculptures will be presented to the Commission for approval on July 23, 2025. Mr. O'Neil recommended that the board table this item until the next meeting to allow for more input on the scope and to review an actual draft of the RFQ and RFP.

Motion made by Mr. Hamilton to table the procurement process of the Seven Oaks Park Sculptures; seconded by Ms. Burst. The motion carried unanimously by a 4-0 vote.

c. America 250 Art Installation Funding

Mr. O'Neil described the Winter Park Celebrates America 250 committee, which he chairs along with 22 members who meet monthly. The campaign is scheduled from January 2026 to July 2026, and a dedicated city web page has been launched with tools provided by the Communication department. Several events are planned, with more in development. Mr. O'Neil asked the board to approve a \$5,000 commitment to fund a temporary art installation on City Hall's lawn, with the timing and scope to be discussed at a future meeting.

Motion made by Ms. Bohl to approve \$5K of PAAB budget for a temporary art installation on the front lawn of City Hall for Winter Park celebrates America 250; seconded by Ms. Burst.

Gigi Papa, 1440 Hibiscus Ave., asked about the identities of the twenty-two committee members who have been meeting for the past three months. She also mentioned that the residents have not been informed about the plans for the celebration.

The motion passes by a 3-1 vote. Mr. Hamilton voted no.

d. Tree Whisperer Repair

Mr. O'Neil asked the board to approve repairs for the Tree Whisperer panels at the train station. These repairs will extend the panels' lifespan by about five to six years before replacement or relocation is needed. The estimated cost is \$2365, which will be deducted from the \$ 9,000 budget. The contractor, AGG, previously repaired the Emily statue.

Motion made by Ms. Bohl to approve the repairs of the Tree Whisper panels; seconded by Ms. Burst.

Gigi Papa, 1440 Hibiscus Ave., suggested similar artwork to conceal the EV stations in the train station parking lot seen when driving along Morse and New York. She also asked the board to obtain comparable estimates for repairing the Tree Whisperer panels.

The motion carried unanimously by a 4-0 vote.

The discussion of public comments at the next meeting received three nods.

6. Non-Action Items

7. Staff Updates

a. City Commission Presentation

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Mr. O'Neil restated that the board's Seven Oaks Park sculpture plans will be presented to the commission for approval on July 23, 2025, and invited the board members to attend.

8. Board Comments

9. Upcoming Agenda Items

Consider the EV stations to determine how to enhance their aesthetic appeal using similar panels like the Tree Whisperer or landscaping elements.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Approved by the board on August 18, 2025

/s/ Bahiyyah Layton, Board Coordinator