



Public Art Advisory Board Regular Meeting

Agenda

February 16, 2026 @ 12:00 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

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- 1. Call to Order**
 - 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Minutes of December 15, 2025 1 Minute
 - 3. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda): Three minutes allowed for each speaker**
 - 4. Action Items**
 - a. Art Sculpture Installation Proposal 20 minutes
 - 5. Non-Action Items**
 - 6. Staff Updates**
 - a. Arts Weekend - A Tapestry of Experiences 15 minutes
 - b. Art on the Green in Seven Oaks Park 10 minutes
 - 7. Board Comments**
 - 8. Upcoming Agenda Items**
 - 9. Adjournment**



Public Art Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2025 at 12:00 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Charles Hamilton, Danny Humphress, Elizabeth Ingram, Peggy Bohl, Carolyn Fennell, Laura Burst

Absent

Austin Reeves

Staff Present

Assistant Director of Communications Craig O'Neil, Sr. Advisor Arts & Culture Anda Ariail, Events & Marketing Coordinator Stephanie Silva, City Manager Randy Knight

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. The decorum statement was read.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes of October 20, 2025

Motion made by Mr. Humphress to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

The board moved to agenda item 6b.

3. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda)

4. Action Items

- a. New Meeting Date for January 2026

The January meeting was canceled because it coincided with the MLK holiday. The board agreed to hold the next regular meeting in February 2026.

- b. Board Staffing and Activity for Booth at Art in the Park

Art in the Park is scheduled for Saturday, February 7, with two shifts, each staffed by two volunteers for three hours. Ms. Ariail will coordinate with Communications to develop didactics for the tapestries, framing the event as promotion for Arts Weekend, called "A Tapestry of Experiences." The tapestries are presented as public artworks created openly in public spaces, brought to the community by PAAB. Installation will start on January 6 at two sites and on January 8 at two more. A press release will be distributed through Communications with details on each location. The library's theme is centered on literature, Hannibal Square highlights heritage, The Center for Wellbeing

emphasizes the seven pillars of health, particularly social wellbeing, and the History Museum features the peacock. The tapestries will stay in their designated facilities until Art in the Park during Arts Weekend, when they will be moved to the park to be displayed with a fifth tapestry depicting the American flag. The PAAB booth will be located near the tapestries, where you will help Anna McCambridge guide visitors in weaving the fifth tapestry. It was recommended to include a one-page explanation of the tapestries, a laptop showing the online public art collection on a continuous loop, and a one-page handout about the Art on the Green sculptures in Seven Oaks Park.

Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Humphress volunteered for the 11am to 2pm shift, while Ms. Fennell and Ms. Bohl volunteered for the 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. shift.

5. Non-Action Items

6. Staff Updates

Mr. O'Neil congratulated Ms. Ingram on her upcoming appointment to the city commission in March.

a. Supplement to August 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Mr. O'Neil informed that the supplement to be included in the minutes of August 18, 2025, has been requested for withdrawal.

b. Discussion Regarding Seven Oaks Park Art Sculpture RFQ

Mr. O'Neil announced that the RFQ for the permanent art sculpture at Seven Oaks Park is now ready. The three temporary sculptures are scheduled to be installed on Friday, January 16, 2026, at 9am. An e-vite is being prepared for the installation celebration. Later that day, January 16, 2026, there will be an America 250 event in Central Park, and a postcard for the Winter Park Celebrates America250 initiative has been placed in the seats. Regarding the RFQ for the permanent sculpture, a decision must be made regarding the three board members who will serve on the selection committee.

City Manager Randy Knight shared key details about upcoming tax reforms in the state. Legislative sessions begin in January, and several proposals may appear on the ballot in November. The concern today for the Public Art Advisory Board (PAAB) is that many nearby cities are undergoing Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) audits criticized for spending, which could include public art expenditures. Two tax reform measures have advanced through committees; one proposes that all homesteaded properties be exempt from non-school taxes, costing the city approximately \$18 million of our \$60 million general fund. Since 44% of Winter Park's tax revenue comes from homesteaded properties, this is significant. The other measure involves properties with property tax insurance, allowing a \$200,000 homestead exemption, estimated to cost about \$4.5 million. Mr. Knight recommended delaying the RFQ or consulting the City Commission first for a policy decision, questioning whether to proceed now given concerns about perceived frivolous spending. While art is valued in the City of Winter Park, outside perspectives might differ. This is not a City Commission policy but a staff suggestion.

Mr. Hamilton asked if the concern was more about optics versus funding. Mr. Knight agreed that it was mainly about optics, but if one of the larger budget hits occurs, the commission might have to consider reallocating art funding to cover basic necessities such as police, fire, public works, and even parks and recreation. A discussion took place, and Mr. Knight reiterated that he was offering a suggestion should some of these reforms occur. This will be a priority for the legislature, so by March, it will be known if what they propose will go on the November 2026 ballot, to take effect in November 2027, which aligns with the city's fiscal year 2028 budget. No replacement income proposals have been submitted, so hopefully, an implementation bill will be introduced to create an alternative funding source, as police spending cannot be cut.

Ms. Fennell and board members agreed to revisit the agenda item in the new year, possibly in March, when the board will be better informed.

The board moved to Action Item 4a.

7. Board Comments

Mr. O'Neil announced that the Fourth of July celebration will be held on Friday, July 3rd, from 6-9pm in Central Park, featuring a special America 250 theme. Ms. Ariail extended invitations to the board for all four days of Art in the Park, especially highlighting the VIP reception on Friday, February 6, from 5:30 to 7 am in Central Park, followed by a performance by Broadway singer Jasmine Forsberg. An additional invite was issued for the Art on the Green sculpture Installation Celebration on January 16, at 9 a.m. in Seven Oaks Park. During Arts Weekend, the woven flag created in the park will be displayed at the History Museum from mid-May through mid-July.

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

9. Adjournment

The board and staff members extended holiday wishes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Approved by the board on
/s/ Bahiyyah Layton, Board Coordinator



item type

Action Items

meeting date

February 16, 2026

prepared by

Craig O'Neil, Assistant Director of Communications

approved by

Clarissa Howard, Director of
Communications

subject

Art Sculpture Installation Proposal

motion | recommendation

Board is asked to determine whether or not they would like to move forward investigating this opportunity.

background

The city was approached by Dr. Stan Sujka in regard to housing a sculpture installation at Canton and New York avenues. The *LOVE XXL* freestanding aluminum sculpture would be donated to the city on either a temporary or permanent basis.

alternatives | other considerations

fiscal impact

TBD based upon proposal.

attachments

1. LOVE XXL Sculpture



LOVE XXL

Aluminum Free Standing Sculpture

253x123 cm | 99x48 in



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subject

Arts Weekend - A Tapestry of Experiences

motion | recommendation**background**

Craig O'Neil and Anda Ariail will provide a brief update on the successful Arts Weekend and introduce Anna McCambridge to speak on the tapestry project that was sponsored and funded by the Public Art Advisory Board.

alternatives | other considerations**fiscal impact**

The PAAB provided \$10,000 for the Tapestry Art Project.

attachments

1. Arts Weekend Tapestry Project 01.13.26



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PRESS RELEASE

Tapestry Project now underway ~ weaving the community into Arts Weekend

WINTER PARK, FL (January 13, 2026) Arts Weekend ~ A Tapestry of Experiences, hosted by the city’s Arts & Culture Alliance, and presented by the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation and AdventHealth, will be held Thursday through Sunday, February 5-8. Leading up to the weekend of festivities, the city’s Public Art Advisory Board is presenting an interactive **Community Tapestry Project** which includes four separate tapestries to be created at various locations throughout the city. A fifth tapestry will be woven during “Art in the Park” Saturday, February 7, from noon to 3 p.m.


Winter Park residents and guests are invited to participate in the Community Tapestry Project **now through Friday, January 30**, to help create the following tapestries at their weaving locations:

 **History** Winter Park History Museum @ 200 W. New England Ave.

 **Literacy** Winter Park Library @ 1052 W. Morse Blvd.

 **Connection** Center for Health & Wellbeing @ 2005 Mizell Ave.

 **Heritage** Hannibal Square Heritage Center @ 642 W. New England Ave.

 **American Flag** Central Park @ “Art in the Park” Saturday, February 7

Materials will be on hand at all locations to weave the tapestries. Visitors to the tapestries are encouraged to bring and weave in their own special items such as fabric, ribbon, yarn, string, dried flowers, feathers, small poems, trinkets, tiny secret messages, origami, buttons, photos or any items that celebrate a community of experiences.

Arts Weekend ~ A Tapestry of Experiences is an annual four-day arts extravaganza celebrating arts and culture in Winter Park, the City of Arts & Culture, highlighting the 24 members of the Alliance. Festivities throughout the weekend will include dozens of community events and performances in Central Park as well as many cultural venues throughout the city.



For complete details ~ which are evolving as the weekend approaches ~ including the schedule of events as well as participating merchants and restaurants, please access wpinspires.org/artsweekend. Join us to be inspired! ###



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item type

Staff Updates

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prepared by

Craig O'Neil, Assistant Director of Communications

approved by

Clarissa Howard, Director of Communications

subject

Art on the Green in Seven Oaks Park

motion | recommendation**background**

A very successful Art on the Green sculpture installation took place on Friday, January 16, in Seven Oaks Park. Staff will provide a brief update.

alternatives | other considerations**fiscal impact**

\$25,000 for the first year and \$20,000 each following year.

attachments

1. Art on the Green in Seven Oaks Park 2026



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PRESS RELEASE

Winter Park brings back *Art on the Green* exhibition with new installation in Seven Oaks Park

WINTER PARK, FL (January 16, 2026) The City of Winter Park’s Public Art Advisory Board is pleased to announce the return of *Art on the Green*, a dynamic exhibition of three large-scale sculptures, to begin January 16, 2026, in **Seven Oaks Park**. This latest public art exhibition is a partnership with Orange County Arts & Cultural Affairs and its Public Art Review Board, serving as an extension of Orange County’s Sculpture on the Lawn program. The three sculptures will be replaced with new sculptures every January to create a fun, artistic and colorful palette throughout Seven Oaks Park, the city’s newest green space located at 1150 North Orange Ave. The 2026 exhibition will include **Drop** by John E. Bannon, **Melt Piece** by Maxwell Hartley, and **Blue Mulberry** by Lionel T. Dean.



Previous *Art on the Green* installations were located in the city’s **Centrfal Park** in 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2016, and 2019. The initiative creates a “museum without walls” and combined with the city’s other museums and cultural activities by members of the city’s **Arts & Culture Alliance**, provides enjoyable, educational opportunities for both Winter Park’s residents and guests.



According to Carolyn Fennell, Chair of the city’s Public Art Advisory Board, “We are very pleased to partner with Orange County to bring several beautiful sculptures to our city’s newest park and create a colorful backdrop of intriguing art in this urban park setting.” The Public Art Advisory Board which is committed to collecting, preserving and interpreting notable works of art and

implementing educational opportunities concerning art in public places, launched the city’s first-ever online **Public Art Collection** in 2024.

Art on the Green in Seven Oaks Park can be viewed for FREE seven days a week. Details regarding the three artists and their sculpture can be found by accessing cityofwinterpark.org/aog For more information, please call 407-599-3506.

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