



Public Arts Advisory Committee Agenda

November 20, 2025

Regular Meeting, 4:30pm–6:30pm

Siskiyou Conference Room, 51 Winburn Way

- I. (4:30) CALL TO ORDER:**
 - a. Welcome & Announcements
 - b. Quorum count – *If no quorum is achieved within 15 minutes of meeting start, the meeting will be cancelled.*
 - c. Land Acknowledgment (attached)
 - d. Labor Acknowledgement (attached)
- II. (4:35) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. October 16, 2025, regular meeting
- III. (4:40) PUBLIC FORUM** (for items not on the agenda; up to 3 minutes per speaker)
- IV. (4:50) LIAISON REPORTS**
 - a. City Council Liaison, Gina DuQuenne
 - b. APRC Liaison, Michael Gardiner & APR Staff Liaison, Rachel Dials
 - c. Community Development Liaison, Veronica Allen
- V. (5:00) DISCUSSION ITEMS, MOTIONS, AND UPDATES** (up to 10 minutes per topic)
 - a. Guanajuato Heart Location
 - b. Maintenance – Rio Amistad
 - c. Annual Work Plan – need to adopt for December 15th meeting at Council
 - d. South Ashland Beautification Project
- VI. (5:40) ROUND TABLE** – Member open discussion of project opportunities (2 mins. each)
- VII. (6:00) MEETING PLANNING** (up to 15 minutes)
 - a. Quorum Count
 - b. Agenda Creation – discuss Public Forum items, etc. for inclusion at the next meeting
- VIII. (6:15) ADJOURNMENT** – **Next Meeting: Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 4:30 pm**
Monday, December 15, 2025 – City Council meeting for End of Year Reporting
December PAAC meeting cancelled

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Land Acknowledgement

"We acknowledge and honor the aboriginal people on whose ancestral homelands we work – the Ikirakutsum Band of the Shasta Nation, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today. We denounce the egregious acts of the colonizers and government and recognize the horrific impacts that still exist today. We honor the first stewards in the Rogue Valley and the lands we live and depend on: Tribes with ancestral lands in and surrounding the geography of the Ashland Watershed include the original past, present and future indigenous inhabitants of the Shasta, Takelma, and Athabaskan people. We also recognize and acknowledge the Shasta village of K'wakhakha - "Where the Crow Lights" - that is now the Ashland City Plaza."

Labor Acknowledgement

We also pause to recognize and acknowledge the labor upon which our country, state, and institutions are built.

We remember that our country is built on the labor of enslaved people who were kidnapped and brought to the U.S. from the African continent and recognize the continued contribution of their survivors. We also acknowledge all immigrant & indigenous labor, including voluntary, involuntary, trafficked, forced, and undocumented peoples who contributed to the building of the country and continue to serve within our labor force. We acknowledge all unpaid care-giving labor.

To the people who contributed this immeasurable work and their descendants, we acknowledge their indelible mark on the space in which we gather today. It is our collective responsibility to critically examine these histories, to repair harm, and to honor, protect, and sustain their contribution to our society.



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DRAFT MINUTES

October 16, 2025

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I. (4:33) CALL TO ORDER:

- a) Welcome & Announcements – new member Jay Bowen
- b) Quorum count – achieved
- c) Land Acknowledgment – read by: Sue Sears
- d) Labor Acknowledgement – read by: Tish Way

Attendance

Present:

Chair, Cassie Preskenis
Vice Chair, Susan MacCracken Jain
Kate Womack
Heather Warden
Russell Copley
Sue Sears
Jay Bowen

Absent: Tish Way; Gina Duquenne, City Council Liaison; Emily Simon, SERJAC Liaison; Rachel Dials, APR Staff Liaison

Staff Present: Veronica Allen, Staff Liaison; Michael Gardiner, APRC Liaison

II. (4:36) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) September 18, 2025, regular meeting
Motion: Russell Copley moved to accept the minutes as presented
Second: Susan MacCracken-Jain
Vote: All ayes – motion passed unanimously (MacCracken Jain, Womack, Warden, Copley, Sears, Preskenis, Bowen)

III. (4:37) LAISON REPORTS

- a) APRC Liaison, Michael Gardiner – Butler-Perozzi Fountain update (Spring 2026)
- b) Community Development Liaison, Veronica Allen – TSB Project ODOT delay to 2026

IV. (4:53) PUBLIC FORUM

- a) Kathryn – shared her photos for donation in PAAC projects or other opportunities

V. (5:00) OTHER BUSINESS UPDATES

- a) **Art Maintenance Report & Velocity Update** – Mike Morrison provided an update on potential costs. Motion: Susan moved to repair Velocity with carryover funds up to \$3,500. Second by: Heather & Jay. **Vote:** All ayes – motion passed unanimously (MacCracken Jain, Womack, Warden, Copley, Sears, Preskenis, Bowen)

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- b) **Ancestor's Future: Crystallizing Our Call by Micah Blacklight update** – an anonymous donation has fully funded the rest of the project
- c) **Playwrights Walk Plaque (PWWP)** – artist selected as Betty LaDuke who has requested the plaque be located in such a place to not be stepped on/walked on; funding hopeful by beginning of November for the sister plaque, update on the OSF plaques

VI. (5:30) DISCUSSION ITEMS – FORMAL ACTIONS & MOTIONS

- a) **Budget Update** – PWWP had a correction in installation cost from original estimate of \$1,000 to \$2,000, second previously approved plaque would need a motion to pass to correct; Motion by Kate to allocate up to \$2,500 towards installation of the previously approved plaque and the installation of the sister city/Betty LaDuke plaque. Second by Heather with **all ayes** – motion passed unanimously (MacCracken Jain, Womack, Warden, Copley, Sears, Preskenis, Bowen)
- b) **Public Art Story Map Refresh** – Susan presented recommendations for discussion, such as reorganizing public art from North to South, starting with We Are Here. Consensus was reached to reorder the Story Map from North to South.
- c) **South Ashland Beautification Project** – (Formerly referred to as Sabrina Cotta Project); Discussion, brainstorming, & Task Group Formation. Peter Finkle provided a list of possible recommendations for locations, Mike Morrison provided feedback on ROW locations (medians & crosswalks).
Motion by Susan to form a Task Group to evaluate Fringe Festival art piece(s) for feasibility & to work with public works to obtain installation costs and to evaluate options to acquire additional Mural fest pieces in South Ashland. **Second** by Kate. **Vote:** All ayes. (MacCracken Jain, Womack, Warden, Copley, Sears, Preskenis, Bowen). Task group formed by Cassie, Sue, and Heather and tasked to bring this information to the November meeting. Prompted a discussion on locating the second Guanajuato Heart in town near the Calle, will be on November agenda.
- d) **Meeting Frequency** – Discussion on limiting meetings to every other month but longer meeting times, opinions were mixed, discuss let to a **motion** by Cassie to cancel 3 meetings a year, starting with this December, then one in Spring, and Summer, and to add quorum forecasting and agenda creation to the end of each agenda moving forward. **Second** by Sue & Susan. **Vote:** all ayes (MacCracken Jain, Womack, Warden, Copley, Sears, Preskenis, Bowen).
- e) **Annual Work Plan – End of Year Reporting to City Council** – Discussed needing to start the End of Year report to council and to include the Strategic Plan & Timeline with November adoption by PAAC for December 15th Presentation to Council. Task Group formed by Susan & Cassie with support by Kate.

VII. (6:24) ROUND TABLE/ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

VIII. (6:25) ADJOURNMENT – Next Meeting Date: Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 4:30 PM.

December meeting CANCELLED

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