



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2026 5:30 PM RM 309

1. (00:02:21) Call to Order and Roll Call

The following responded present, either via zoom or in person:

x Amanda Reese (Chair)	x Maxwell Hay (Vice-Chair)
X Jeanie Warden (Secretary)	x Renee Kelley
x Mary Webb	x Christina Barbachano
x Chelsea Weidman	
X Dave Chadwick	

2. (00:04:25) Public Comment

Abigail Dolan made public comment. Abigail explained why she resigned from the HPAC committee as she wants to represent the BID and promote public art in downtown Helena. She also gave an update on the walking mall mural that the BID is funding. The mural RFP will go out soon and the mural will be complete next Spring. Alysia Ryan made public comment. Alysia Ryan spoke about that there is an opportunity for the BID and the HPAC to work together to get public art in downtown Helena. She also spoke about developing a process to get public art on city property and working with the HPAC to get more public art downtown.

3. (00:12:55) Minutes

Renee Kelley made a motion to approve June 2026 minutes. Christina Barbachano seconded the motion.

Renee Kelley made a motion to approve July 2026 minutes. Chelsea Weidman seconded the motion.

4. (00:14:08) Staff Reports

Bridget Johnston shared the HPAC preliminary budget for FY27 with the committee. The document provided to the committee lists the last 5 years of actual expenses along with the preliminary project expenses for FY27. The preliminary budget lists all projected public art projects for FY27 and the projects budget. The projects proposed for FY27 are public art maintenance, Memorial Park bandshell mural, tent mural opportunity in Anchor Park, Law and Justice Center community benches, recycle bin murals, community collaboration for FY26 & FY27, teen opportunity, and dumpster murals.

5. (00:19:45) Chalk Up Helena Planning

Chalk Up Helena will be August 22nd from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Jeanie Warden and Chelsea Weidman will volunteer for the Chalk Up Helena event in the walking mall.

6. (00:30:49) Percent for Art Ordinance Draft Discussion

The committee continued the percent for art ordinance discussion. The committee discussed and reviewed Appendix A of the draft. Discussion included how the proposed 1.5% on capital improvement projects that meet the \$500,000 threshold would apply to real Helena projects. The city discussed what kind of capital improvement projects would be exempt from the ordinance. The ordinance will be presented to the City Commission in October.

7. (01:10:23) Strategic Planning and Priorities

The committee reviewed and discussed the strategic planning and priorities for FY27-FY30. The strategic plan of public art projects will guide the committee in moving forward to meet HPAC goals.

8. (01:18:40) Public Art, Event and Promotion Opportunities

On September 20, 2026 the Holter Museum of Art will host the event Rock the Block. The Holter Museum of Art invites HPAC members to participate in the event.

9. (01:24:41) Items for Next Agenda

Percent for art ordinance draft, Strategic Planning & Priorities, Anchor Park Teen Mural, Memorial Park Bandshell, and Annual Report will be placed on the next agenda.

10. (01:12:06) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. (01:24:49) Meeting Adjourned

Maxwell Hay made a motion to approve adjourn meeting.
Christina Barbachano seconded the motion.