City of Helena
Public Arts Committee

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 5:30 PM RM 309

1. **(00:00:49) Call to Order and Roll Call**

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

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

2. **(00:03:45) Minutes**

**A mis spelling was noted. The line that read tent opportunity mural should be read as teen opportunity mural. It was also noted that instead of stating that the ordinance will be presented to the City Commission it should read that the recommendation for the ordinance will be presented to the commission.**

**Maxwell Hay made a motion to approve August 2026 minutes with edits. Mary Webb seconded the motion.**

3. **(00:04:53) Staff Reports**

**There was not a staff report.**

4. **(00:05:12) Annual Report & FY27 Recommendations Draft Document**

**The annual report will highlight 2025-2026 projects and events. The highlights are the community collaboration grant, Chalk Up Helena and public art maps. The annual report will highlight the upcoming projects which are the teen art opportunity mural and the Memorial Park Bandshell mural. The FY27 projects proposed is the Law & Justice center community benches, dumpster murals, recycling bin murals, community collaboration grant application, teen opportunity, and public arts promo, events, and**

**maintenance. The FY28 recommendation projects and future work will also be presented in the annual report. The committee discussed adding volunteer hours monetary value of the HPAC members in the annual report.**

**5. (00:37:20) Memorial Park Bandshell Mural**

**Tabled to the next meeting.**

**6. (00:44:09) Anchor Park Teen Art Opportunity Discussion**

**The committee discussed the possible requirement of teen mentorship. It was discussed if the the requirement of the teen having a mentor is a hurdle for teens and if the requirement of a mentor is necessary at all. It was also discussed whether mentor is the correct term or should it be just be a supervising adult. The committee discussed how to share this opportunity to teens in the community.**

**7. (00:59:25) Community Collaboration Grant Recipient Update**

**The committee viewed the Rodney Street murals that were the community collaboration grant recipient. Pictures of the murals will be presented to City Commission during the annual report.**

**8. (01:01:12) Public Art, Event and Promotion Opportunities**

**The Holter Museum of Art will be hosting the Rock the Block event on September 20, 2026. Maxwell Hay volunteered to set up a table for HPAC. An organization called MBAC is interested in setting up an art space for artists in Helena. There is survey for community members to take that will help MBAC determine if Helena is a suitable community to come to and create art spaces for artists. It was suggested that the public art maps be available at Helena Regional Airport.**

**9. (01:11:32) Items for Next Agenda**

**Memorial Park Bandshell mural, Teen mural and annual report will be placed on the next agenda.**

**10. (01:13:47) Public Comment**

**There was no public comment.**

**11. (01:13:56) Meeting Adjourned**

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