City of Helena
Public Arts Committee

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 21, 2026 5:30 PM RM 309

1. **(00:05:35) Call to Order and Roll Call**

The following responded present, in person:

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

2. **Staff Reports**

Bridget Johnston provided updates on current and upcoming public art projects, including:

- **Specialty License Plate:** The "Guardian of the Gulch" call for artists is open. Submissions will be reviewed in December.
- **Recycling Bin Murals:** The call for artists is open, with submissions to be reviewed in January.
- **Project Updates:** Staff reviewed current project budgets, upcoming opportunities, and
- Anticipated committee discussions: Memorial Park Bandshell mural, teen mural guidelines, welcome to Helena signs, Law & Justice Center community benches, public art maintenance, post collaboration grant for first reviews.
    - Staff also researching snail art repair, TIF grant application match (per budget need)
- **Board Training:** is Tuesday, October 27, 2026, from 5:30 – 7:30 PM in the Commission Chambers. Please RSVP.

3. **Consideration of meeting time change**
    - The Committee agreed to continue having the HPAC meetings on the third Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in room 309.

4. **(00:06:12) Election of Secretary**
Bridget Johnston read the Secretary duties to the Committee.
Chelsea Weidman made a motion to elect Myles O'Reilly as the HPAC Secretary, Renee Kelley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Approval of draft HPAC Annual Report and FY28 Recommendations Presentation**
- Maxwell Hay reviewed the draft Annual Report and FY28 Recommendations Presentation on behalf of Chair Amanda Reese.
- The presentation summarized the Committee's accomplishments, current projects, upcoming initiatives, and future funding recommendations.
- The idea of bringing art maps was suggested.
- Committee Members are encouraged to attend and give public comments.

- **00:06:37)** Renee Kelley moved to approve the presentation with minor grammatical revisions. Dave Chadwick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Items for next agenda:**
   - Teen murals: Myles would like to give a short presentation on graffiti art for youth in Helena, in coordination with the teen mural discussion.
   - Memorial Park Bandshell
   - Report from Commission Admin meeting, Commissioners' feedback and next step

7. **Public Comment**

   None

8. **(00:06:41) Meeting Adjourned**

Chelsea Weidman made a motion to approve adjourn meeting. Dave Chadwick seconded the motion.