



MINUTES

Art in Public Places Commission November 25, 2025

160 Duke of Gloucester Street

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Farrow called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Commission Members Present: Chair Lyn Farrow, Jim Martin, Joan Brady, Barbara Torreon, Cynthia Krewson, David Arthur, Chrissa Rich, Jon Arason

Others Present: Christopher Jakubiak, Director of Planning & Zoning

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Rich moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Ms. Torreon, and passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - August 6, 2025 and August 26, 2025 drafts

Mr. Arthur moved to approve the minutes from August 6 and August 26, 2025 as written. Ms. Torreon seconded, and the motion passed 7-0 (Mr. Arason abstained).

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Director Jakubiak reported that the FY '26 budget is \$322,820. Additional \$14,000 in revenue is expected, and spendable money is approximately \$200,000. Mr. Jakubiak will provide a written financial summary showing all incoming money, funds in escrow (Westgate Circle), and available allocation.

6. OLD BUSINESS

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Arason, Mr. Jakubiak is in the process of finalizing the procedures and guidelines and will provide those to the Commission members.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration and Action on the Application from ArtWalk for two exterior wall-mounted mural installations.

Chuck Walsh, the co-founder of ArtWalk, led a presentation to the Commission. An application was received requesting \$52,000 to replace/refurbish murals at a U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) Gate and the Atman Glazer Building using existing frameworks where possible. Concerns were raised about USNA/State approval and the need for review of new images (City Code requires prior review).

Mr. Arason moved to approve the application in full, with the conditions that the funds will be released when ArtWalk provides evidence of approval from the USNA and the State of Maryland to proceed with installation, and that the Commission review and approve the final artwork images. Ms. Krewson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Consideration and Action on the Application from Annapolis Film Festival.

Patty White and Lee Anderson, representing the Annapolis Film Festival, made a presentation to the Commission. An application was received requesting \$35,000 to support free/accessible programs including Education Day, Student Showcase, Diversity/Inclusion Series for their March 2026 event. Discussion included the festival's recent recognition by Movie Maker magazine, their 14-year history, and a commissioner's suggestion to reduce funding due to fee waivers and marketing costs.

Mr. Arason moved to approve the application, with funding reduced to \$25,000 due to fee waivers and marketing expenses. Ms. Rich seconded the motion. The motion failed with a vote of 2-5 (Ms. Torreon, Ms. Farrow, Mr. Arthur, Ms. Rich and Ms. Brady voted no).

Ms. Rich moved to approve the application in full, on the condition that the Art in Public Places Commission must be mentioned in promotional materials, specifically for the Education Day, Student Showcase, and Diversity/Inclusion series. The motion was seconded, and passed by a vote of 6-2 (Ms. Krewson and Mr. Martin voted no).

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Deferred.

9. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

Deferred.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Kimberly Consoli, Recorder

