



PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes Fort Wayne Public Art Commission August 27, 2025

Meeting Time: 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Citizens Square, 200 East Berry St, Conference Room 324

- ROLL CALL

Members:

<u>X</u> Rebecca Coffman	<u>✓</u> Colleen Huddleson	<u>✓</u> Chad Shaw	<u>✓</u> Carmen Tse
<u>✓</u> Clydia Early	<u>✓</u> Alison Miyauchi	<u>X</u> Theoplis Smith	
<u>✓</u> Emily Guerrero	<u>✓</u> Tim Parsley	<u>✓</u> Paul Spoelhof	
<u>✓</u> Shan Gunawardena	<u>✓</u> Dan Ross	<u>✓</u> Nancy Stewart	

Advisory Members:

<u>✓</u> Alex Hall	<u>✓</u> Dodd Kattman	<u>✓</u> Paul Sauerteig
<u>✓</u> Pam Holocher	<u>✓</u> Scott Miller	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

✓ = Present X = Absent

Other Attendees:

Sherese Fortriede (Staff) Nate Lefever (Staff) Corey McMaken – *The Journal Gazette*

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the June 25, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Chad Shaw. Dan Ross seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

- PAC PROJECTS

SHOUT-OUT: Fort Wayne updates were provided by Paul Spoelhof

Harvester Neighborhood:

Bryant has been working closely with Sasha and his team to engage neighborhood residents and is currently ahead of schedule in their workflow. Members of his team are also working with Community Development and Public Information Officer, Mary Tyndal, on planning the best ways to support the project and the artwork installation process, project promotion methods, and planned press releases. The neighborhood is very excited for Sasha’s arrival in October to begin working on the permanent artwork installation.

East Central Neighborhood:

Artist Brandon Coley has completed his final version and wording for the banner series. They are currently being produced and will be mounted by the City Sign Shop in the coming weeks. In conjunction with this installation, the FM transmitters that play the East Central oral histories and

commentary on loop will go live. Bryant has also been working with local radio stations to promote SHOUT OUT and to broadcast the audio portions of Phase I of this project.

An artist has been selected by the SHOUT OUT Series I, Phase II Selection Committee to create permanent artwork in the East Central Neighborhood. Currently, PAC Staff is working with the City's Right of Way Division and the Artist to finalize the scope of work and site preparation arrangements as part of the contract. The hope is that the agreement will be finalized and signed by next week, at which time the selected Artist's name will become public.

Mount Vernon Park & Fairfield Terrace-Belmont:

Both neighborhoods have been involved in a series of neighborhood engagement activities designed to incorporate and celebrate the different cultures in the neighborhood, including the celebration of food, music, and friendship with a music-centric New Orleans Second Line style parade and a Silent Disco for Mount Vernon Park residents. The Fairfield Terrace Belmont neighborhood has selected Lyndy Bazile to create a collection of artwork that will be printed onto road signage (as approved by the City's Street and Sign Shop) and used as part of a neighborhood engagement activity. More details on this project will be provided at the October 22 PAC Meeting.

Additional Information:

Bryant has spoken with the Hamilton and North Highlands neighborhoods about the opportunities available through SHOUT OUT, since they are the most likely neighborhoods to participate in a third series of the program.

The Harvester documentary has been selected for the Hobnobben Film Festival! *The Harvester* will play in-person on Friday, October 24, as part of a block titled Harvesting Heroes From Fort Wayne & The World, which starts at 8:30 PM EST in the Outdoor Screen at the Fort Wayne Cinema Center (437 E Berry St # 1, Fort Wayne, IN 46802).

77 Steps

Sherese Fortriede informed the Commission that PAC Staff has received many responses from both local and national artists in response to the RFP to re-envision the space with a new lighting installation. The 77 Steps Selection Committee will be meeting soon to review the top submissions.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Project Development Committee

Nancy Stewart informed the Commission that the Project Development Committee has been meeting to discuss potential locations for a monumental sculpture or artwork installation and that so far, there has been a focus on the Wayne St. open campus of the Indiana Michigan Power building or the North River development. She added that funds are being allocated for this project in accordance with the Master Plan.

Review Committee

Tim Parsley reported to the Commission on the Review Committee's approvals of crosswalk artwork for the Historic Fairmont Neighborhood, as well as a mural created for the Riverfront at Promenade. Alex Hall (as the project applicant) provided additional information, photos, and a video of the Riverfront at Promenade.

Collection Management Committee

Pam Holocher said that the Collection Management Committee had a productive meeting with Alex Mendez, a resource for sculpture inspection and maintenance, and that Alex Hall would be able to recommend any work needed on PAC involved murals. The hope is that this Committee will be able to establish a standard operating procedure for artwork maintenance planning, safety protocols, and the process of decommissioning of artwork moving forward.

- **COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT**

Colleen Huddleson welcomed new Commissioners and distributed updated Commission and Committee rosters.

- **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.