

Laurel Arts Council
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 9, 2026
6:30 PM at Gude Mansion

Preliminaries – 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order & Roll
2. Determine Quorum
3. VOTE: Approval of July Minutes
4. Membership Updates & New Applicants

Agenda

1. News from City Government – **6:35 PM**

- a. Divina – DPR
- b. Naomi – ECD

Brief updates from City Government on opportunities or developments relevant to the Laurel Arts Council.

2. Multicultural Festival & Laurel Pride Festival – **6:40 PM**

- a. Table Sign-Up – Confirm volunteer coverage
- b. Set-Up & Tear-Down – Confirm responsibilities and logistics
- c. Arts Council Table
 - What do we want people to experience when they encounter the Arts Council?
 - Swag, activities, information, QR code, etc.

3. Discernment Exercise: From Impact to Action – **6:50 PM**

Purpose: *This is not an effort to reinvent the Laurel Arts Council. We already have activities, events, relationships, and traditions that are meaningful. The goal is to become more intentional about **why we do what we do, where our energy is best spent, and how we can support people in making things happen.***

IMPACT — What difference do we want to make? – 6:50 PM

Question:

If the Laurel Arts Council is doing its work well, what will be different in the Laurel community because we exist?

Consider:

- Who do we want to reach?
- What do we want people to experience?
- What do we want to encourage, strengthen, connect, or create?

Outcome: Identify 2–4 areas of impact to guide our work.

RESOURCES — What do we have to work with? – 7:05 PM

Question:

What people, relationships, funding, and other resources are already available to us?

Outcome: Identify the resources we can realistically draw upon.

OUR WORK — What should we continue, change, or explore? – 7:20 PM

With our desired impact and available resources in mind:

- What existing activities should we continue?
- What could we strengthen or change?
- What might we pause or let go?
- What new activities, opportunities, or partnerships should we explore?

HOW WILL WE SUPPORT THE WORK?

For our priorities:

- Who might lead or help?
- What support or resources are needed?
- What can be entrusted to a project/event lead rather than carried by the whole Council?

Outcome: Identify a manageable set of priorities and next steps.

4. Connecting with the Community – 7:50 PM

- a. Community Survey – Francesca
 - Brief update
 - Confirm distribution plan
 - QR code
- b. Social Media
 - Confirm immediate next step for promoting the survey and upcoming events
 - Defer broader social-media strategy to a future meeting

5. Closing: Decisions & Action Items – 7:55 PM

- a. Review decisions and priorities
- b. Confirm action items and leads
- c. Identify any topics for our next meeting

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 6:30 PM on Zoom