

**Laurel Arts Council
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, October 14, 2026
6:30 PM on Microsoft Teams**

1. Preliminaries – 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order & Roll
2. Determine Quorum
3. **VOTE:** Approval of September Minutes
4. Membership Updates
 - Jennifer's resignation
 - Update on City policy regarding members who have missed four or more consecutive meetings — Divina

2. City & Community Updates – 6:40 PM

- Divina — DPR
- Naomi — ECD

Brief updates on City developments, opportunities, or upcoming events relevant to the Arts Council.

Question for the Council:

Is there anything from these updates we need to follow up on or incorporate into our work?

3. What We Learned: Multicultural Festival & Laurel Pride Festival – 6:50 PM

Discussion:

- What worked particularly well at these events?
- What did we learn about engaging residents and community partners?
- What logistical lessons should we carry forward?
- Did anything surprise us?
- What should we do differently next time?

Direction:

Are there one or two lessons from these events that should shape how we approach future Arts Council activities?

4. From Impact to Action: Choosing Our Priorities – 7:00 PM

At the September meeting, we generated a large number of possibilities. Over the past month, Council members have had an opportunity to investigate some of them.

Brief updates

Continue

- Trash can project – Francesca
- Social media – addressed separately below
- Tables at community events
- Poetry project – Jennifer

- Laurel Write Now writers group – Sandy

Strengthen / Change

- Sidewalk/crosswalk project – Bharati
- General approach: start small, follow energy and volunteer capacity, and experiment with different meeting formats

Pause / Let Go

- Traffic boxes – pause until additional boxes become available
- Music at the Farmers Market

Explore

- Public library partnership – Bharati
- Farmers Market area / C Street
- Publicly owned nooks and areas – Divina
- Scavenger hunt
- Historic Main Street certification
- Volunteer-led workshops/classes
- Children and family programming
- Theater – Francesca
- Film

Council Discussion

For projects the Council is interested in pursuing:

1. What is the next concrete step?
2. Who is willing to lead or convene that work?
3. What, if anything, do we need from the Council to make it happen?

Decision Point

By the end of this discussion, identify **3–5 priorities for the next several months**.

We can keep a “**future possibilities**” list for ideas we want to revisit later.

5. Social Media: Purpose, Scope & Ownership – 7:35 PM

A. Purpose

What do we want social media to accomplish?

For example:

- Make Laurel residents aware of arts opportunities
- Promote Arts Council programs
- Highlight local artists and arts activity
- Invite residents into participation and conversation

B. Reasonable Commitment

What can we realistically sustain as volunteers?

Possible starting point:

- Two posts per week

- One event/opportunity post
- One community engagement or arts-related post

C. Ownership

Discussion: What is the simplest structure that will allow us to maintain the Council's social media presence consistently?

Determine:

- Who currently has access to Facebook and Instagram?
- Who needs access?
- Can the existing Facebook and Instagram accounts be connected?
- Who will coordinate the posting calendar?
- Would a 2-3 person team be useful?

Decision Point

Before leaving this item, agree on:

Purpose + minimum posting commitment + social media team + immediate next step.

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

- Confirm decisions and priorities
- Confirm action items, leads, and timelines
- Identify any topics for our next meeting

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at 6:30 PM, in person at Gude Mansion