ARTS COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR HYBRID MEETING
Wednesday, July 15, 2026

CALL TO ORDER
With the Chair position vacant following the conclusion of the previous Chair's term, the Arts Council was called to order by Katie Herzog, Interim Recreation Manager and Staff Liaison to the Arts Council, at 5:01 pm

ROLL CALL
Councilors Jonathan Harrington, Suzanne Skone, Pam Rock, Katie Kratzer, Irene Rajagopal, Smriti Agarwal, and Kay Huang were present. City Council Liaison Julie Hsieh was present.

Interim Recreation Manager Katie Herzog, and Recreation Specialist Raven Gillis were present.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES
Anne Hritzay addressed the Arts Council regarding the Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT
1. **Staff Liaison Report & Planning Schedule Update**
   Katie Herzog, Interim Recreation Manager, reported on the following:
   - Project Updates
     - Luther Burbank Park Waterfront Improvements
     - New History Tour in Luther Burbank Park
     - New Dog Stick Library at LBP
   - Programs/Events
     - MICEC Gallery with MIVAL: Junior Art Show, Call for Community Photography Show
     - Letterboxing Program Returns!
     - Summer Celebration Recap
     - Mostly Music in the Park & Pride Night in the Park
     - Shakespeare in the Park
     - MI Summer Camps
     - Summer Deals on Rentals
   - Arts Council Planning Schedule

REGULAR BUSINESS
2. **Approval of Minutes**
   Minutes from April 15, 2026, Regular Meeting

   It was moved by Harrington; seconded by Skone to:
   Approve the minutes of April 15, 2026, Regular Meeting.

   Passed: 7 – 0

3. **AC26-07: Arts Council Officer Elections**
   Harrington nominated himself for Chair. There were no further nominations.
   Staff cast a unanimous vote for the nomination of Councilor Harrington for Chair.

   Passed: 7 – 0

   Councilor Harrington was elected Chair.

Harrington nominated Skone for Vice Chair.
Skone did not accept the nomination.
Skone nominated Kratzer for Vice Chair. There were no further nominations.
Staff cast a unanimous vote for the nomination of Councilor Kratzer for Vice Chair.

Passed: 7 – 0

Councilor Kratzer was elected Vice Chair.

Following the elections, Chair Harrington took the Chair.

4. **AC26-08: 2025 Recreation Division Annual Report**
   Interim Recreation Manager Katie Herzog presented. Commissioners received the report, asked questions, and provided feedback.

5. **AC26-09: 2027-2028 Arts and Culture Workplan Priorities**
   Interim Recreation Manager Katie Herzog presented. Councilors asked questions, offered input and engaged in discussion.

   Kratzer suggested adding the following statement to the work plan: Develop a comprehensive and feasible vision for Greta Hackett Sculpture Park that functions as a welcoming gesture to our town, connecting visitors to our town center from the light rail and functioning as a vibrant meeting space in our town center for all ages.

OTHER BUSINESS

4. **Absences**
   No future absences reported

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.