



## Public Arts Commission

Whitewater Municipal Building Community Room,  
312 West Whitewater St., Whitewater, WI 53190  
\*In Person and Virtual

**Thursday, December 11, 2025 - 5:00 PM**

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## **AGENDA**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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### **CONSENT AGENDA**

*Items on the Consent Agenda will be approved together unless any committee member requests that an item be removed for individual consideration.*

1. Approval of November 6, 2025 Minutes.

### **HEARING OF CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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## **CONSIDERATIONS / DISCUSSIONS / REPORTS**

- 2.** Discussion and possible recommendation to Common Council dissolution of Public Arts Commission.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A quorum of the Common Council may be present. This notice is given to inform the public that no formal action will be taken at this meeting.

**Anyone requiring special arrangements is asked to call the Office of the City Manager / City Clerk (262-473-0102) at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.**



## Public Arts Commission

Cravath Lakefront room 2nd floor 312 West  
Whitewater Str, Whitewater, WI, 53190 \*In Person  
and Virtual

**Thursday, November 06, 2025 - 5:00 PM**

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

##### PRESENT

Board Member Kim Adams  
Board Member Megan Matthews  
Board Member Justin Mane  
Board Member Steven Sahyun

##### STAFF

Llana Dostie, Zoning Specialist

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Motion made by Board Member Sahyun, Seconded by Board Member Adams.

Voting Yea: Board Member Adams, Board Member Matthews, Board Member Mane, Board Member Sahyun

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#### **ART TRANSFORAMTION ARTIST APPLICATIONS**

1. Review and possible action in selection and recommendation of Artist to the Department of Public Works Commission for the 2026 Artful Transformations Traffic Boxes.

Dostie explained that the request for public works commission for current boxes was to remove the words on the boxes.

Steven stated that it may be a safety issue with the words as drivers are moving down the road.

Steven stated other than item 2 and 7 he likes the rest.

Mane suggested words on the sidewalk side only.

Steven stated that the request to public works if there are words if they could be none street facing or the font size could be reduced or a max of number words.

Motion was to approve Miller, Mane, Wence, Noh.

Motion made by Board Member Sahyun, Seconded by Board Member Matthews.

Voting Yea: Board Member Adams, Board Member Matthews, Board Member Sahyun

Voting Abstaining: Board Member Mane

Box location assignments will be Miller-Jefferson/Starin, Mane-Franklin/Main, Wence-Hwy 59 and Starin, Noh-Prince/Main

Motion made by Board Member Sahyun, Seconded by Board Member Matthews.

Voting Yea: Board Member Adams, Board Member Matthews, Board Member Sahyun

Voting Abstaining: Board Member Mane

2. Application Submission for Lys Dobbs
3. Bill Miller Application
4. Justin Main Application
5. Edith Wence Application
6. Aliya (Mou) Noh Application.
7. Nancy Platner submission.

#### **CONSIDERATIONS / DISCUSSIONS / REPORTS**

8. Discussion and possible recommendation to Common Council dissolution of the Public Arts Commission.

Dostie explained the memo in the packet regarding the reasoning for the dissolution of the Public Arts Commission. Public Arts projects usually go to another committee after the Public Arts Commission prior to the Common Council.

Steven asked how the other committees feel.

Steven feels that the disadvantage is losing the art background of the members.

Adams stated that the Whitewater Alliance has asked about vetting projects. And what the role would be with the City.

Steven stated that nothing would stop the city from consulting with the Whitewater Alliance on specific projects.

Adams asked if this should be a MOU.

Steven moved to table the motion to dissolution the public arts commission until we have more guidance from the Whitewater's Alliance and City Attorney.

Steven withdrew the tabling motion.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Motion made by Board Member Adams, Seconded by Board Member Matthews.

Voting Yea: Board Member Adams, Board Member Matthews, Board Member Mane, Board Member Sahyun



## Public Art Committee Agenda Item

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| Meeting Date:                       | November 6, 2025                          |
| Agenda Item:                        | Dissolution of the Public Arts Commission |
| Staff Contact (name, email, phone): | Llana Dostie, ldostie@whitewater-wi.gov   |

### BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what, when, where, why)

The Public Arts Commission was established as a permanent committee to oversee public arts projects within the city. At this time the City is only looking at dissolving the Public Arts Commission. The Public Arts Ordinance would stay in place. There is an application form for bringing public arts projects to the City's attention. Future approval by the City would be the same process as for any other resident request for action. A committee would need to review it and make a recommendation to the Common Council which would provide final approval. As for who each decision maker is or primary contacts for various departments, that information is kept updated on the City's website.

Staff has been advised to bring forward a proposal to Common Council to consider the dissolution of the Public Arts Commission as an official city committee.

### PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

To recommend dissolution of the Public Arts Commission.

### ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 12.46.040 AND 12.46.080 AND REPEALING SECTIONS 12.46.050 AND 12.46.090 DISSOLVING THE PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance was reviewed by Public Arts Commission and is recommended for adoption by said committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Whitewater strives to maintain an efficient and effective local government structure; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City must from time to time evaluate its best use of fiscal and personal resources; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City to streamline its committee structure and eliminate unnecessary administrative burdens;

**The Common Council of the City of Whitewater, Walworth and Jefferson Counties, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:**

**SECTION 1:** Whitewater Municipal Code Section 12.46.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**12.46.040 Accession.**

All works of art purchased, commissioned or accepted as donations become property of the city of Whitewater. All city artwork is maintained by the city and included in an inventory kept by the ~~public art committee~~ city.

People wishing to donate artwork to the city must submit slides, a written description of the work, and a rationale for the gift. The ~~public art committee~~ city will review the submitted piece for quality, maintenance requirements, donor stipulations, safety issues of the piece, availability of an appropriate site, and advice of the administrators at that site. Based on this review the ~~public art committee~~ city will either accept or decline the donation.

**SECTION 2:** Whitewater Municipal Code Section 12.46.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**12.46.080 Community initiated public art.**

The community initiated public art application should be completed and submitted with proposals to the ~~public art committee~~ the city for their review and possible recommendation to the city council for final consideration.

Applications can be submitted to neighborhood services department at the city of Whitewater located at 312 W. Whitewater Street. Applications must be submitted no less than one week prior to the "public discussion of any item not on the agenda". Applications presented

at "public discussion" cannot be officially discussed or acted upon by the public art advisory committee until the next meeting when it can be placed on the agenda.

**SECTION 3:** Whitewater Municipal Code Section 12.46.050 and 12.46.090 are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5:** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force the day after its passage and publication.

This Ordinance was introduced by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption.

Seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Weidl, City Manager

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Heather Boehm, City Clerk