



Cultural Arts Commission
Meeting Minutes
Virtual
Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 7:00 pm

Link for Recording:

<https://rockvillemd.webex.com/rockvillemd/ldr.php?RCID=d08b079a5052d1c5d286ed96ce5ccf75>

Attendees:

- Commissioners: Laura Andruski, Frances Bevington, Jerry Callistein, Emily Fucello, Howard Jung, Liz Ortuzar, Brian Rogers, Molly Scott, Anika Vartan
- Mayor and Council Liaison: Mayor Monique Ashton
- City Staff: Anne O'Dell, Arts and Culture Program Manager, Staff Liaison
- Public Attendance: Unidentified attendee

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Frances Bevington, Commission Chair.

Approval of Agenda - Frances Bevington

Motion to approve agenda with the addition of voting to approve the FY26 CAC Annual Report and moving the Elected Official's Report up in the agenda moved by Liz Ortuzar; Seconded by Jerry Callistein; All in Favor: Unanimous; Commissioners not present at the time the vote was taken: Howard Jung, Brian Rogers.

Approval of the previous meeting's Minutes – Frances Bevington

Motion to approve minutes moved by Laura Andruski; Seconded by Liz Ortuzar; All in favor: Unanimous; Commissioners not present at the time the vote was taken: Howard Jung, Brian Rogers.

Elected Official Report – Mayor Monique Ashton, The City Council Liaison

Updates were shared on recent community events and economic strategic plan development; and commissioners were encouraged to participate in development of the JEDI strategic plan.

Chair Report – Frances Bevington

Commissioner Bevington's report included information about upcoming events and discussion about goals in FY26 CAC Annual Report.

Committee Reports

- Public Art Committee – Liz Ortuzar, Committee Chair
An update on public art projects and committee's future work on guidelines.
- Programs and Events Committee – Laura Andruski, Committee Chair
Updates on the Rockville Arts and Culture Leaders' Exchange, PRIDE 2026 "Step up and

be Proud,” The Loop, and upcoming Cultural Mapping Project were given.

Staff Report – Anne O’Dell, Arts and Culture Program Manager, Staff Liaison

A report was given on the FY27 Workplan, upcoming worksession on Chapter 4 Ordinance Revisions, take aways from the Americans for Arts 2026 Conference, and legal considerations for mural programs.

Motions made based upon CAC FY26 Annual Report Discussion – Frances Bevington

- Motion to approve the CAC FY26 Annual Report with the removal of the goal to change the CAC meeting schedule to bi-monthly was moved by Jerry Callistein; Seconded by: Liz Ortuzar; All in Favor: Unanimous.
- Motion for Emily Fucello and Anika Vartan to join the Public Art Committee moved by Liz Ortuzar; Seconded by Laura Andruski; All in Favor: Unanimous.
- Motion to form a Governance Committee moved by Liz Ortuzar; Seconded by Jerry Callistein; All in Favor: Unanimous.
- Motion to create the position Vice Chair moved by Liz Ortuzar; Seconded by Laura Andruski; All in Favor: Unanimous.
- Motion to form a Governance Committee and name Frances Bevington Committee Chair and Jerry Callistein, Emily Fucello, and Anika Vartan as members moved by Liz Ortuzar; Seconded by Jerry Callistein; All in Favor: Unanimous.

Future Meetings – Frances Bevington

Frances Bevington asked commissioners to review commissions on the city website and propose which ones should have CAC Liaisons.

Anika Vartan asked for an agenda item for the July meeting to include introductions of commissioners so that new commissioners can become acquainted with current commissioners.

Adjourn – Frances Bevington

Motion moved to adjourn by Liz Ortuzar; Seconded by: Howard Jung; All in Favor: Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Minutes approved July 8, 2026.