

City of Rockville
Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 11, 2026
7:00 pm

Link for Recording:

<https://rockvillemd.webex.com/rockvillemd/ldr.php?RCID=00bf3a17fc47ce0b43fa8356bb9785ca>

Attendees:

- Commissioners: Laura Andruski, Karen Askin, Melissa Beattie, Frances Bevington, Susan Hoffmann, Howard Jung, Liz Ortuzar, Brian Rogers
- City Staff: Anne O'Dell, Arts and Culture Program Manager, Staff Liaison
- Public attendee: Jerry Callistein

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Karen Askin, Commission Chair.

Approval of Agenda: Karen Askin

Motion to add agenda item to create the Programs and Events Committee made by Laura Andruski; Motion to approve agenda with the addition of the creation of the Programs and Events Committee made by Frances Bevington; Seconded by Liz Ortuzar; All in favor: Laura Andruski, Melissa Beattie, Frances Bevington, Susan Hoffmann, Howard Jung, Liz Ortuzar, Brian Rogers.

Approval of Minutes of the December 2025 Meeting: Karen Askin

Motion to approve minutes as written made by Liz Ortuzar; Seconded by Laura Andruski; All in favor: Laura Andruski, Melissa Beattie, Frances Bevington, Susan Hoffmann, Howard Jung, Liz Ortuzar, Brian Rogers.

Chair Report: Karen Askin

Karen Askin is moving out of the City of Rockville and is resigning from the CAC. The February 2026 meeting is her last meeting.

Mayor Report: Mayor Monique Ashton, The Mayor and Council Liaison

Mayor Ashton was not in attendance; no report provided.

Staff Report: Anne O'Dell, Arts and Culture Program Manager and Staff Liaison

Anne O'Dell shared updates contained in the staff report.

Committee Updates:

- Permanent Public Art Committee update by Liz Ortuzar, Committee Chair, provided updates on Memory Walk Park and David Scull Park Public Art Projects.
- Temporary Public Art Committee update by Frances Bevington, Committee Chair, provided information on the February 11, 2026, dedication of the mural, "Past to Promise," by LaToya Peoples.
- Ordinance Committee update by Frances Bevington, Committee Chair, provided summary of the committee's comments on the proposed revisions to the articles in Chapter IV Arts and Cultural Affairs Ordinance. Motion to approve the committee's comments made by Frances Bevington; Seconded by Susan Hoffmann; All in favor: Laura Andruski, Karen Askin, Melissa Beattie, Frances Bevington, Susan Hoffmann, Howard Jung, Liz Ortuzar, Brian Rogers.

Creation of Programs and Events Committee: Motion to create the Programs and Events Committee to support the creation of programs and events to support Rockville's arts and culture sector made by Laura Andruski; Seconded by Karen Askin; All in favor: Laura Andruski, Karen Askin, Melissa Beattie, Frances Bevington, Susan Hoffmann, Howard Jung, Liz Ortuzar, Brian Rogers.

Motion for Laura Andruski to serve as Chair of the Programs and Events Committee made by Karen Askin; Seconded by Howard Jung; All in favor: Karen Askin, Melissa Beattie, Frances Bevington, Susan Hoffmann, Howard Jung, Liz Ortuzar, Brian Rogers.

Motion to adjourn made by Liz Ortuzar; seconded by Howard Jung; In Favor: All.

- Meeting adjourned: 7:50pm.

Minutes approved March 11, 2026.