



Cultural Arts Commission
Meeting Minutes
Virtual
Wednesday, July 8, 2026, 7:00 pm

Link for recording of the meeting:

<https://rockvillemd.webex.com/rockvillemd/ldr.php?RCID=773b4bbebc38541f20951dc009476826>

Attendees:

- Commissioners: Laura Andruski, Melissa Beattie, Frances Bevington, Jerry Callistein, Emily Fucello, Howard Jung, Liz Ortuzar, Brian Rogers, Molly Scott
- Mayor and Council Liaison: Mayor Monique Ashton
- City Staff: Linda Moran, Associate City Manager; Anne O'Dell, Arts and Culture Program Manager, Staff Liaison

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

Approval of the previous meeting's Minutes – Frances Bevington

Motion moved to approval the June 2026 meeting minutes without changes made by Liz Ortuzar; Seconded by Laura Andruski; All in favor: Laura Andruski, Melissa Beattie, Frances Bevington, Jerry Callistein, Emily Fucello, Howard Jung, Liz Ortuzar; Not present: Brian Rogers, Molly Scott

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

Update was given on upcoming events and worksession for Chapter 4 Arts and Cultural Affairs Ordinance.

Chair Report – Frances Bevington

- Update on previous and events and announcement of upcoming events in the city were shared.
- Motion to appointment Laura Andruski to the position of Vice Chair was moved by Jerry Callistein; Seconded by Liz Ortuzar; All in favor: unanimous; Not present: Brian Rogers.
- Discussion was had about other possible commissions Cultural Arts Commissioners could liaise with. Commissioner Bevington requested Anne O'Dell ask how commissioners can be connected to liaise with other commissions. Motion to approve Jerry Callistein as liaison to the Planning Commission moved by Laura Andruski; Seconded by Molly Scott; All in favor: unanimous; Not present: Brian Rogers.

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

- Clarification on flow of communications was provided, clarifying that topics about staff and city resources be sent to the CAC Liaison.
- Presentation on Cultural Mapping was given.

- Commissioner Andruski volunteered for Rocktoberfest.
- Commissioners Melissa Beattie and Frances Bevington expressed interest in volunteering to review applications for the Murals in Private Development Grant Pilot Program.

Items added during Approval of Agenda – Frances Bevington

No additional items were added to the agenda.

Commissioner Introductions – Frances Bevington

Next Scheduled Meeting – Frances Bevington

Wednesday, August 12, 2026.

Motion to adjourn made by Howard Jung; Seconded by Liz Ortuzar; All in favor unanimous; Not present: Brian Rogers.

Meeting adjourned 7:56pm.

Minutes approved August 12, 2026.