

CITY OF ROCKVILLE  
Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 14, 2025  
7:00 pm

Link for WebEx meeting recording:

<https://rockvillemd.webex.com/rockvillemd/ldr.php?RCID=13ad697ea46656d9719421e7426a83c6>

Attendees:

- Commissioners: Melissa Beattie, Frances Bevington, Cristin Cash, Michelle Chite, Susan Hoffmann, Howard Jung, Liz Ortuzar
- City Staff: Linda Moran, Assistant to the City Manager; Anne O'Dell, Arts and Culture Program Manager, Staff Liaison

7:04 pm – Call to Order by Liz Ortuzar, Commissioner

7:05 pm - Arts and Entertainment District Information Session: David Mitchell, Program Director, County Arts Development and Arts & Entertainment Districts

- David Mitchell was unable to attend.

Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- Motion to approve made by Susan Hoffmann
- Seconded by Frances Bevington
- Discussion: No corrections, minutes were approved
- All in favor: Melissa Beattie, Frances Bevington, Cristin Cash, Susan Hoffmann, Howard Jung, Liz Ortuzar
- Abstained from voting: Michelle Chite

Chairperson Report: Karen Askin was unable to attend. No report was given.

Mayor Report: Mayor Monique Ashton, The Mayor and Council Liaison was unable to attend. No report was given

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

- Upcoming performances and events for Rockville Concert Band, Rockville Chorus, Rockville Civic Ballet, and Glenview Mansion Art Gallery were given.
- Upcoming filtering sessions for King Farm Farmstead planning were provided.
- Strategy for assembling the CAC Annual Report by working through Committee Chairs was shared.
- No communications from Commissioners to the Mayor and Council were given.
- Question of confirming who is responsible for the landscaping Memory Walk Park was asked. Anne O'Dell will pass question to Recreation and Park staff and share the response with Commissioners.

Art in Public Places - Temporary Works Committee: Francis Bevington

- College Gardens Park mural is scheduled to be installed the weeks of June 2 and June 9. Dedication is being planned for July 2025.
- Twinbrook Community Recreation Center Annex mural's final design is to be received. Mural will be painted on Polytab and installed on the wall of the building.
- Friends of the Arts funded events:
  - Operation ARTS was contracted for PRIDE 2025. Volunteer activities include setting up for the event starting at 1pm. Anne O'Dell will connect commissioners who would like to attend with the Human Rights Commission planning committee for more details.
  - F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival community engagement/community arts activity is still in early stages of planning.
- Deaccessioning of *The Hatter of Rockville* is complete.

Art in Public Places - Permanent Works Committee: Liz Ortuzar

- The Swim and Fitness Center mosaic by Paul Santoleri is being installed on schedule.
- Lincoln Park Memory Walk Park public art project is moving forward. The Art Selection Committee has met, done a walk through of the park, and the call for proposals is in its final drafting stages. The call should be released in late May or early June.
- Conservation and Maintenance are scheduled to begin the week of August 25.

Human Rights Commission - Brian Rogers was unable to attend. No report was given.

Old Business - Karen Askin was unable to attend. No old business was discussed.

New Business - Commissioners discussed what would be included in the CAC Annual Report.

Initial ideas are:

- Fiscal year 2026 objectives to include expanding community art at events taking place at community events and include literary and performing arts.
- Planning phase for community arts program.
- Taking stock of upcoming public art projects and what will be part of CAC's purview.
- Cultural Mapping project and putting together overview of what will be a helpful tool.

Questions were given to Anne O'Dell to be sent to David Mitchell about Arts and Entertainment District application process. Questions included are there a limited number of districts per county, and how involved can the CAC be in the application process?

No announcements were made.

Motion to adjourn made by Susan Hoffmann, seconded by Howard Jung.

- All in favor: Melissa Beattie, Frances Bevington, Cristin Cash, Susan Hoffmann, Liz Ortuzar
- Abstained from voting: Michelle Chite

Approved June 11, 2025.