

CITY OF ROCKVILLE
Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 13, 2025
7:00 pm

Webex meeting recording link:

<https://rockvillemd.webex.com/rockvillemd/ldr.php?RCID=1572f9062b92a8ec6c2121c380fecb65>

Attendees:

- Commissioners: Melissa Beattie, Michelle Chite, Frances Bevington, Susan Hoffmann (joined meeting at 7:42pm), Liz Ortuzar, Brian Rogers
- City Staff: Linda Moran, Assistant to the City Manager; Anne O'Dell, Arts and Culture Program Manager, Staff Liaison

Vote to have Liz Ortuzar lead the meeting in place of Commission Chair Karen Askin. Motion made by Michelle Chite; Seconded by Frances Bevington; All in favor: Michelle Chite, Melissa Beattie, Frances Bevington, Brian Rogers; Abstain: Liz Ortuzar

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm.

Welcome: Liz Ortuzar

Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Liz Ortuzar

Motion to approve minutes as written made by Melissa Beattie; seconded by Frances Bevington; All in Favor: unanimous.

Chairperson Report

No report due to Chair Karen Askin's absence.

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

No report due to Mayor Ashton's absence.

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

Discussion regarding Poster Contest with Housing and Community Development Department: Melissa Beattie, Brian Rogers, and Liz Ortuzar volunteered to be on the Review Panel to select the winners of the Poster Contest.

Questions for Staff: Commissioner Bevington asked about the CAC's involvement in the Chapter IV Ordinance revisions and about the direction of the revisions. Anne O'Dell responded that the CAC will be involved. The CAC will have the opportunity to review the revised draft based on the guidance and feedback staff receive from the Mayor and Council on the revisions at the October 13 Worksession. The CAC will be able to preview

the staff presentation when the brief book is published for the October 13 meeting.

Committee Updates

- Art in Public Places Temporary Works Committee - Francis Bevington
 - Updates were shared about public art projects, including a mural at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center approved by the Mayor and Council.
 - Commissioner Beattie volunteered for Rocktobierfest, and Anne O'Dell will follow up with more information.
- Art in Public Places Permanent Works Committee - Liz Ortuzar
 - Updates were shared about public art projects.

Old Business - Commission vote on the draft of the Commission's letter recommending the city pursue an Arts and Entertainment District designation. - Liz Ortuzar

- Commissioners discussed the benefits of designating Rockville as an Arts and Entertainment District, emphasizing potential economic growth and community engagement.
- Discussed the survey results for Rockville Town Square and their implications for city planning.
- Emphasized the city's commitment to prioritizing arts in policies and initiatives.
- Suggested ensuring adequate resources and support for pursuing the arts and entertainment district designation.
- Liz Ortuzar volunteered to edit the letter.
- Motion to edit the letter to include benefits of the AED designation, economic growth, and staff support and have the letter reviewed by the Commission at its next meeting made by Susan Hoffmann; seconded by Frances Bevington; in favor: unanimous.

New Business - Presentation by Moyi Arts Concept, LLC, at the September CAC Meeting. - Karen Askin. Postponed due to Karen Askin's absence.

Announcements - None.

Motion to adjourn made by Frances Bevington; seconded by Susan Hoffmann; in favor: unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Approved 9.11.25