



County of Los Alamos

BCC Meeting Minutes

Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

*Stephanie Haaser, Chair; Jasmine Stephens, Vice-Chair; Anna Buckthorpe; Tim Foley; and
Andy Wright, Members*

Thursday, November 20, 2025

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110, Los
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Zoom (see agenda for the link)

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 5:33pm.

Present 3 - Board Member Buckthorpe, Board Member Haaser and Board
Member Foley

Absent 2 - Board Member Stephens and Board Member Wright

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. BUSINESS

- A. [20851-25](#) Approval of Minutes from the October 23, 2025 APP Meeting

Presenters: Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

Attachments: [A - APP Meeting Minutes from the October 23, 2025](#)

I move that the Board approve the minutes from the October 23, 2025 APP
Meeting.

Member Foley - Move, Member Buckthorpe - 2nd, Approved 3-0.

accepted

B. [20853-25](#) Approval of 2026 APPB Meeting Dates

Presenters: Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

Attachments: [A - 2026 APPB Meeting Calendar](#)

I move that the APP Board approve the 2026 meeting dates as presented.
Member Buckthorpe - Moved, Member Foley - 2nd, Approved 3-0.
accepted

C. [20852-25](#) Working Group Updates

Presenters: Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

- a) Homesteaders Art Project Working Group: Members: Jasmine Stevens, Anna Buckthorpe, Loretta Weiss, David Hampton, Jill Lang
 - Member Anna Buckthorpe updated the Board. She spoke with Yvonne Montoya and Yvonne gave her other ideas for the Homesteaders Project. She suggested focusing on the plaques for the Homesteaders Trail. She will work with the Historic Board on getting the plaques updated. Leslie from Los Alamos County is working on updating the Romero Cabin plaque, and wants to do a broader update on the signs. Would like to get smaller sculptures/works that go along with the signs.
- b) Police Station Art Project Working Group: Members: Jasmine Stevens, Tim Foley, James Rodrigues, Russell Naranjo
 - No updates
- c) Semi Quincentennial Art Competition Working Group: Members: Tim Foley, Andy Wright
 - No updates other than the item that is on the agenda regarding the call for art.
- d) Strategic Plan Working Group: Members: Stephanie Haaser, Tim Foley, Chelsea Ashcraft
 - This will be discussed more on the item on the agenda regarding the questionnaire.
- e) "Clowns" Working Group: Members Jasmine Stevens, Tim Foley
 - Member Tim Foley updated the Board. He wants to approach PRB on the move to see what would be possible.
 - Tim found out that there were never ball fields where the mural is now, but it was placed there so it was in a more visible space. Questions were asked about the logistics of moving the mural.
 - Chelsea Ashcraft is getting Pacific Coast's opinion about the move, but has not heard back.

D. [20894-25](#) Semi Quincentennial Art Competition Call for Art Discussion

Presenters: Tim Foley and Andy Wright

Attachments: [A - Semi-Quincentennial Call for Artists](#)

Member Foley updated the Board on the Call for Art changes. He has received input from the Step Up Gallery, so he will make changes before sending out the call for art. Question about the judging process were answered. The judging process was explained by Member Foley and Chelsea Ashcraft. The intent was to have the opportunity to procure art from the community and put it on display and have community input.

- Age requirement will be removed.

- 20 year permanence rule will be removed for putting in the gallery, but will be used for the possible APP purchase.

I move that the Art in Public Places Board approve proceeding with the next steps in the Semi-Quincentennial Call for Art process, incorporating today's feedback, with the understanding that the Call will undergo further review before public release.

Member Buckthorpe - Move, Member Foley - 2nd, Approved 3-0.

accepted

E. [20895-25](#) Initial Discussion of Public Art Questionnaire Results

Presenters: Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

Attachments: [A - Public Art Questionnaire Results- Initial Report](#)

Chelsea Ashcraft updated the Board on the Public Art Questionnaire results. The Board went over, and commented on the barriers mentioned. Some people didn't know where the pieces were located, and there were pieces that were not in the collection. The results will help to drive the Strategic Art Plan. There were 236 comments on the main questionnaire. Chelsea is going to do more analysis on the results, and the working group will meet to discuss more on what to do with the results.

F. [20855-25](#) 2026 APPB Work Plan Draft Discussion and Approval

Presenters: Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

Attachments: [B - Art in Public Places 2025 Work Plan FINAL](#)
[A - Art in Public Places 2026 Work Plan DRAFT](#)

The Board went over the 2026 APP Work Plan. Discussion was had and edits were made.

I move that the Board approve the 2026 draft Work Plan and authorize the Chair and Staff Liaison to make any necessary changes, including those directed by the Council.

Member Foley - Move, Chair Haaser - 2nd, Approved 3-0.

G. [20856-25](#) Pending Items List

Presenters: Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

- a) Justice Center Wall Mosaic (October 31, 2025- contract went to artist for review)
 - Contract in negotiations. Talking with Legal and Procurement. The mosaic will need protection while it is being installed. Copyright language is also being discussed.
- b) Senior Center Security Gate (October 31, 2025- contract went to legal for final review)
 - Draft has gone through Legal and sent to the vendor, Jonathan Watson.
- c) Nature Center Sculpture (October 31, 2025- contract went to artist for review)
 - Insurance is needed on the art. The gallery will be covering it, but for this to happen the contract vendor needs to be changed from the artist to the gallery so the insurance can be included.
- d) Lion Sculpture artist stipends
 - Contract is drafted, and it is in Legal now.
- e) Oppie/Groves installation by Parks Division
 - Plaque not installed yet.
- f) White Rock Pottery Relocation
 - no updates

4. **BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATION**

A. [20857-25](#) Staff Liaison Report

Presenters: Chelsea Ashcraft

Staff Liaison Chelsea Ashcraft provided the Staff Liaison report. Updates were given on the following items.

- a) Reminder: December APPB meeting date different than normal (December 18, 2025)
- b) Upcoming Fire Station presentation in December.
 - Proposal for art work that they would like in the building.
- c) Possible change in Board Member term limits-need opinions.
 - At the B&C Luncheon Councilor Reagor discussed the possibility of changing the term limits. There was discussion about allowing members to stay on until Board vacancies can be filled.
 - The Board thought there may be commitment issues with longer terms. Member Foley likes the 2 year term for APP. It was suggested to put out the advertisement for the vacancies earlier to try and get more applicants.
 - Chelsea reminded the Board that they need to let her know if their political party changes.

B. [20858-25](#) Chairman's Report

Presenters: Stephanie Haaser

Chair Haaser had no updates for the Chairman's report.

5. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Neal-Clinton provided an update on Council. All minutes were turned in and presented to Council.

6. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING - December 18, 2025

Fire Station Presentation and Discussion
Working Group Updates

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 6:49pm.

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