



# County of Los Alamos

## BCC Meeting Minutes

### Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

1000 Central Avenue  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

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

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Thursday, May 28, 2026

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110, Los  
Alamos, NM 87544  
Zoom (see agenda for the link)

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Remote 1 - Board Member Stephens

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

#### 3. BUSINESS

##### A. [21732-26](#) Approval of Minutes from the April 23, 2026 APP Meeting

**Presenters:** Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

**Attachments:** [A - APP Meeting Minutes from the April 23, 2026](#)

I move that the Board approve the minutes from the April 23, 2026 APP Meeting.  
Member Wright - Moved, Chair Foley - 2nd, Approved 3-1, Vice-Chair Stephens  
- negative vote  
**accepted**

B. [21733-26](#) Working Group Updates

Presenters: Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

- a) Member Buckthorpe updated the Board on the Homesteaders Art Project. She is waiting to get more updates in June from Leslie Bucklin on the signage.
- b) Vice Chair Stephens updated the Board on the Police Station Art Project. The working group met today to look at the new sketches from Daniel Borup. The sketches were of the lion in a sphinx pose, and a sitting pose. Deputy Chief of Police, James Rodriguez, liked the sphinx posed African Lion better, but did like both designs. The base for the lion was discussed, and it was agreed that a concrete platform may be the best option to ensure the base is properly sized for the sculpture. The working group, which includes Deputy Chief Rodriguez, determined that this concrete base will be designed and funded by the Police Department. APPB will be responsible only for providing the lion sculpture. They plan on making a motion on this project in the next APP meeting to take it to Council. Chelsea Ashcraft also updated the Board. The lion sculpture location will now be at the original memorial site.
- c) Chair Foley updated the Board on the Strategic Plan project. They have not met yet, but plan to meet in June or July.
- d) Chelsea Ashcraft updated the Board on the Fire Station 4 Art project. The survey is ready to release to the public and it will open June 2nd. A PSA will go out. There will be an official release at the Mosaic Community Workshop.
- e) Member Wright updated the Board on the Deaccession and Relocation project. They were not able to contact the artist David Fricks for "Dino World". Chelsea Ashcraft gave information on VARA (Visual Artist Rights Act) for deaccessioning art. The Albuquerque APP Board has artists sign a VARA waiver for outdoor art in case they need to do repairs or deaccession immediately.

C. [21734-26](#) Possible Deaccession of "Split Infinity" with "Blooming Lily 3 Medium" Replacement

**Presenters:** Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

**Attachments:** [A - Decommission Report for "Split Infinity"](#)  
[B - Image of "Split Infinity"](#)  
[C - Image of "Blooming Lily 3 Medium"](#)

Chelsea Ashcraft updated the Board on the deaccession of "Split Infinity" with "Blooming Lily 3 Medium" replacement. She described the current location in front of the Mesa Public Library and the history of the wind sculpture purchase. "Split Infinity" fell off and broke in 2023 and new parts were ordered for Parks to repair it. The pole is too high for the current wind sculpture, so the new owners of the company will exchange the old sculpture for the new one. APP will need to deaccession "Split Infinity" to acquire the "Blooming Lily 3" replacement at no cost using the new deaccession form. "Split Infinity" is no longer available, and the closest wind sculpture they have is "Blooming Lily 3 Medium".

I move that the APP Board recommend that County Council approve the deaccession of the broken wind sculpture "Split Infinity" by artist Mark White from the Los Alamos County Public Art Collection, and further recommend accepting "Blooming Lily 3 Medium" as a replacement artwork at no cost to the County.

Member Wright - Move, Member Buckthorpe - 2nd, Approved 4-0  
**accepted**

D. [21735-26](#) Possible Deaccession of "Aquatic Figures" the Painted Mural at the Aquatic Center

**Presenters:** Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

**Attachments:** [A - Decommission Report for "Aquatic Figures"](#)  
[B - Image of "Aquatic Figures"](#)

Member Wright updated the Board on the deaccession of "Aquatic Figures", the painted mural at the Aquatic Center. They have tried to contact the artist for the past 2 months with no success. A quote for painting over the mural came back. A not to exceed amount of \$45,00 was suggested. Chelsea Ashcraft gave updates to the Board as well. They would like to get the wall painted at the pool in June or early July while the pool is closed for renovations. If this is approved today it can be taken to Council on June 9th. There were some lessons learned during this deaccessioning that APP can use in acquiring any new art pieces.

I move that the APP Board recommend that County Council approve the deaccession of the "Aquatic Figures" mural by Richard Lange and authorize the use of Art in Public Places funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$45,000 plus applicable Gross Receipts Tax, to return the wall to its original condition.

Member Buckthorpe - Move, Member Wright - 2nd, Approved 3-1, with Vice Chair Stephens - negative vote

E. [21736-26](#) Final Discussion for Mosaic Assembly Workshop

**Presenters:** Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

**Attachments:** [B - Mosaic Ribbon Cutting Flyer](#)  
[A - Mosaic Assembly Workshop Flyer](#)

Chelsea Ashcraft updated the Board on the Mosaic Assembly Workshop. 129 grids have been reserved so far out of 150, so it looks like there may be drop in availability. There will be no advertisement since more than half of the grids have been reserved. The advertisement banner has been moved from the overpass to the Justice Center Wall. The mosaic will be installed immediately after the community event, and a ribbon cutting for the mosaic will be the next Saturday, June 13th, the week after the community workshop. If there are not enough grids the artist suggested offering mosaic coaster kits. The kits are \$10 each and the Library and Recreation Departments have pitched in and purchased 150 kits. Stickers were made to hand out at the workshop. The workshop will be held in the 3rd floor of the Mesa Public Library. The artist will be arriving on June 4th.

F. [21737-26](#) Pending Items List

**Presenters:** Chelsea Ashcraft

a) White Rock Pottery Relocation - No Updates

4. **BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATION**

A. [21739-26](#) Staff Liaison Report

**Presenters:** Chelsea Ashcraft

Staff Liaison Chelsea Ashcraft provided the Staff Liaison report.

- Senior Center gate was installed at the end of April. LARSO had their annual meeting and Councilor Ryti acknowledged the gate.
- Member Foley will be doing the APP Presentation to Council on June 23rd at the White Rock Fire Station at the Work Session.
- We received an application for the vacant Board position and will interview them next week and if it works out, get them on the Council Agenda for June, so they could start in July.
- Capital Projects is where we get legislative appropriations from. The Fire Station 4 project received a grant from the State and 1% goes to APP, but stays with the state. APP funding from Capital Projects and Grants were explained, and how that money could be spent for EOC and the Fire Station 4 project.

B. [21741-26](#) Chairman's Report

**Presenters:** Tim Foley

Chair Foley provided the Chairman's report. He had no updates. Asked for any information that the Board wants presented to Council, so it can be added to the presentation.

**5. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Reagor provided an update on Council.

- Asked for clarification on the "Aquatic Figures" cost. Chelsea Ashcraft gave more information on the deaccessioning costs. She explained that special paint is needed for the pool area, the area needs to be prepped properly, and the paint must be rolled on with rollers so it doesn't splash on the renovated pool areas. Lifts must also be used because of the wall height. Discussion was had. History of past maintenance was not found.

**6. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING - June 25, 2026**

- Lion Sculpture project action
- Homesteader Presentation with Leslie Bucklin
- Fire Station 4 survey results
- Deaccession of "Dino World" discussion

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 6:32 pm.

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