



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, February 26, 2026

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

Present 4 - Board Member Buckthorpe, Board Member Haaser, Board Member
Stephens and Board Member Wright
Absent 1 - Board Member Foley

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. BUSINESS

A. [21348-26](#) Thank You and Farewell to Stephanie Haaser

Presenters: Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

Chelsea Ashcraft presented a framed certificate to outgoing Chair Stephanie Haaser, and thanked her for her time on the Board. She served 2 terms.

B. [21347-26](#) Approval of Minutes from the January 22, 2026 APP Meeting

Presenters: Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

Attachments: [A - APP Meeting Minutes from the January 22, 2026](#)

I move that the Board approve the minutes from the January 22, 2026 APP Meeting.

Vice Chair Stephens - Moved, Member Buckthorpe - 2nd, Approved 4-0.

accepted

C. [21349-26](#) Fire Station 4 - Discussion with LAFD Leadership

Presenters: Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

Chelsea Ashcraft introduced Fire Chief Erik Litzenberg. Member Buckthorpe and Vice Chair Stephens explained the project and gave an overview of it. They discussed their concerns with the current presented art project. Fire Chief Erik Litzenberg discussed his opinion on fire station art. He gave information on what he knew about the project from the Project Manager, Sobia. He thought the art should be therapeutic to the community, show what the department means to the community, and be educational. Fire Chief Litzenberg answered questions from the Board. Miguel Jimenez from Public Works gave additional information on the project. Comments were made by the Board. Member Buckthorpe requested a statement from the Fire Department about the goals for the art work. Fire Chief Litzenberg said the design should serve two purposes: to educate about fire adaptation and event prevention, and incorporate a therapeutic element. He liked the idea of interactive art. Member Buckthorpe suggested functional or interactive elements to the art with therapeutic and educational aspects and that it should be impactful. A Working Group was created to work on this project.

D. [21350-26](#) Election of Officers

Presenters: Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

The item was tabled until next meeting.

E. [21351-26](#) Semi Quincentennial Art Competition

Presenters: Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

Member Wright updated the Board on the issues that they had been having with the competition details. There were logistical complications with having a competition as a government entity. He suggested cancelling the competition now so they could give the Step Up Gallery more notice to plan to fill the space. He would like to help the gallery figure out next steps or support them in some way because they had reserved the time slot for this show.

I move to cancel the Semi Quincentennial Art Competition project.
Member Wright - Moved, Member Buckthorpe - 2nd, Approved 4-0.

accepted

F. [21353-26](#) 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 Buckthorpe updated the Board. She went to the Historic Preservation Board Meeting. Leslie Bucklin and the Historic Preservation Board want art built on the narrative based on the signs. The signs will be done in April, so she wants to wait until the signs are done, then put out a call for art.

b) Police Station Art Project Working Group: Members: Jasmine Stevens, Tim Foley, James Rodrigues, Russell Naranjo
- No update until March 9th when designs are due. Once the designs are turned in then a public survey will go out for the designs. They are in communication with the Police Department on the placement of the sculpture.

c) Semi Quincentennial Art Competition Working Group: Members: Tim Foley, Andy Wright

- update already given in previous item. Project has been cancelled.

d) Strategic Plan Working Group: Members: Stephanie Haaser, Tim Foley, Chelsea Ashcraft

- Chair Haaser gave a few updates to the Board.

e) "The Clowns" Working Group: Members Jasmine Stevens, Tim Foley
- Chelsea Ashcraft heard back from Pacific Coast. They gave the pros and cons of moving the mosaic. Pros - better placement. Cons - could crumble when moving after cutting, more kids on it, etc. The estimate for the move is \$25K-\$38K.

f) Fire Station 4 Working Group: Members Jasmine Stevens, Anna Buckthorpe
- update already given in previous item.

G. [21354-26](#) Update on Deaccession Policy and Procedures

Presenters: Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

Attachments: [A - Current APP Disposal Policy](#)
[B - APP Art Removal Policy-DRAFT](#)
[C - Sample Decommission Report- DRAFT](#)

Chair Haaser updated the Board. Chelsea Ashcraft explained the current policy and updated policies. A working group was suggested to manage all de accessions, or one at a time. Chelsea explained the process after the de accessioning. The art work can be sold back to the artist, or auctioned off. The current art pieces being looked at for de accessioning are Dino World, Aquatic Figures (painted over), Frances Harlow FH1409 painting. A working group was created for this project. Vice Chair Stephens and Member Wright are on the working group. Discussion was had on the current policy and how it can be updated.

H. [21355-26](#) Pending Items List

Presenters: Arts in Public Places Advisory Board

- a) Justice Center Wall Mosaic
 - Trying to get dates for the community involvement piece. First check was sent by FedEx to get there by Tuesday, then will be able to get the dates set. The project has temperature requirements for the installation. The installation and community involvement happen in one time frame. When the date is secured, then we can reserve rooms for the project.
- b) Senior Center Security Gate
 - The project is progressing, but there have been delays. The contract has been extended to April 30, 2026.
- c) Nature Center Sculpture
 - The sculpture has been installed and looks great. Ribbon cutting will be at the Earth Day celebration in April.
- d) Lion Sculpture artist stipends
 - Designs are due March 9th. Chelsea will share designs and draft when received to the working group.
- e) Oppie/Groves installation by Parks Division
 - Plaque will be installed in the next 45 days.
- f) White Rock Pottery Relocation
 - Contacted Pacific Coast about the move.

4. **BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATION**

A. [21356-26](#) Staff Liaison Report

Presenters: Chelsea Ashcraft

- Staff Liaison Chelsea Ashcraft provided the Staff Liaison report.
- Chelsea is out next week on travel.
 - B&C Luncheon is next week on March 5, 2026 from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Someone will need to present updates.
 - Pacific Coast annual maintenance visit is August 24-28, 2026.

B. [21357-26](#) Chairman's Report

Presenters: Stephanie Haaser

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

5. **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS - Councilor David Reagor**

Councilor Reagor was not present, so there were no updates.

6. **PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING - March 26, 2026**

- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair.
- Fire Station Art survey results.
- Police Station designs.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:12 pm.

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