

MINUTES

Meeting: Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission
Date: July 16, 2025, @ 5:45 PM
Location: Rose Hill Room, City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sargsyan called the meeting to order at 5:46 pm.

2. ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Alisa Sargsyan, Prashant Walia, Luana Hancock, Sage Sommer, Mike Potter, Grace Brown. Commissioner Heng Alhinnawi arrived late.

Members Absent: Emmett Chen

Staff Present: Diana Hart

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. June 18, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Potter moved, and Commissioner Hancock seconded to approve the June 18, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion passed.

5. ACTION ITEMS

6. BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION

a. Park Lane Outdoor Sculpture Gallery Update – Alisa Sargsyan

Chair Sargsyan presented the finalists and alternates chosen by the Art Call Subcommittee, reviewing their artist statements and proposed artworks. Commissioners discussed the art call process, the proposed artists, and artwork placement.

Commissioner Potter moved, and Commissioner Brown seconded to approve the Park Lane Outdoor Sculpture Art Call Subcommittee's recommendations for finalists and alternates for the Park Lane Outdoor Sculpture Gallery. The motion passed 6-0.

b. Utility Box Art Wrap Art Call Update – Alisa Sargsyan

Chair Sargsyan debriefed a meeting between community members, staff, and commissioners regarding preserving the historical wrap currently on the Utility Box and moving the new artwork to an alternate box. Staff will return to the Commission if more input is needed from them.

- c. Art Administrator Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Update – Diana Hart /Alisa Sargsyan

Government Affairs Manager Diana Hart updated the Commission that the Low Clearance Bridge Mural Project is being extended into 2026. Chair Sargsyan confirmed Luana as the chair of the Low Clearance Bridge Mural Project Subcommittee.

- d. Support Infrastructure Committee Update – Prashant Walia

Vice Chair Walia updated the Commission on the Art Desert Project, including timeline, including Council, and installing plinths.

- e. Kirkland Community Foundation Sculpture Donation Subcommittee – Mike Potter

Government Affairs Manager Diana Hart verified for the Commission that the current donation policy would allow for the acceptance of this sculpture provided that the Commission makes the recommendation to the Council to accept it.

- f. Approval of the Agenda Discussion – Prashant Walia

Commissioners discussed making changes to the Commission's Agenda template to improve clarity on intention of Commission discussion and actions.

7. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Brown inquired about the Wind Phone request from a community member. Staff is looking into it. Chair Sargsyan asked for clarification on the procedure for answering email inquiries from community members.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sargsyan adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm.