

**City of Denton Parks, Public Art Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**May 22, 2025**

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After determining that a quorum of the City of Denton, Texas, Public Art Committee was present, the Committee convened in a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Work Session Room at 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

**Present:** Vice-Chair Adam Chamberlin, Members Jordan Gill, Connor Bradford, Susan Thornton, Will Milne

**Absent:** Chair Jennifer Lane, Francesca Romano, Travis Veselka

**1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

- None

**2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- A. PAC25-008: Consider approval of the minutes of April 3, 2025, and May 1, 2025.

Vice Chair Adam Chamberlin moved to adopt the item as presented; Will Milne seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Adam Chamberlin, Members Jordan Gill, Connor Bradford, Susan Thornton, Will Milne

NAYS (0):

ABSENT (3): Chair Jennifer Lane, Francesca Romano, Travis Veselka

- B. PAC25-009: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give input to staff regarding the status of preparations for Halloween Denton 2025.

Item was presented; and discussion followed.

Following discussion, staff was provided the following direction:

- Parking issues were expressed. There may be direction to utilize DCTA parking and trains.

- C. PAC25-010: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Original Denton District's (ODD) support for Denton's Day of the Dead Festival's application for the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) Arts Respond - Cultural District Project grant program seeking \$56,000.00 to support various operational and programming expenses; and to provide a letter of support to the TCA

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Will Milne moved to approve the item as presented; Adam Chamberlin seconded. Motion carried

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Adam Chamberlin, Members Jordan Gill, Connor Bradford, Susan Thornton, Will Milne

NAYS (0):

ABSENT (3): Chair Jennifer Lane, Francesca Romano, Travis Veselka

- D. PAC25-011: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Original Denton District's support for the Denton Festival Foundation's application for the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) Arts Respond - Cultural District grant in the amount of \$15,000 for professional musician salaries related to the 2026 Arts and Jazz Festival; and to provide a letter of support to the TCA.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Connor Bradfield moved to approve the item as presented; Jordan Gill seconded. Motion carried

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Adam Chamberlin, Members Jordan Gill, Connor Bradford, Susan Thornton, Will Milne

NAYS (0):

ABSENT (3): Chair Jennifer Lane, Francesca Romano, Travis Veselka

- E. PAC25-012: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Original Denton District's application to the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) Arts Respond - Cultural District Project grant program in the amount of \$106,000; and supporting a letter on behalf of the Original Denton District signed by the City Manager or their designee.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Adam Chamberlin moved to approve the item with the amended amount of \$95,000; Will Milne seconded. Motion carried

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Adam Chamberlin, Members Jordan Gill, Connor Bradford, Susan Thornton, Will Milne

NAYS (0):

ABSENT (3): Chair Jennifer Lane, Francesca Romano, Travis Veselka

- F. PAC25-013: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Original Denton District's support for Tejas Storytelling Association's application to the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) Arts Respond Cultural District Project grant program seeking \$4,000.00 to support the partial cost of renting the Civic Center for the 2026 Tejas Storytelling Festival; and to provide a letter of support to the TCA.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Adam Chamberlin moved to approve the item as presented; Connor Bradfield seconded. Motion carried

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Adam Chamberlin, Members Jordan Gill, Connor Bradford, Susan Thornton, Will Milne

NAYS (0):

ABSENT (3): Chair Jennifer Lane, Francesca Romano, Travis Veselka

G. PAC25-014: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give input to staff regarding the status of the following Public Art Committee projects:

1. Current Projects
  - a. Traffic Box Wraps
  - b. BNSF/Noblewins Bench Installation
  - c. Fire Stations #5 and #6
  - d. TCA Cultural District Letters of Support
  - e. Halloween Denton
  - f. Animal Services Expansion
2. Arts Maintenance Projects
  - a. Bench People finger damage
  - b. Blazier Memorial Play Wall
3. Future Projects
  - a. MLK Jr. Recreation Center Mural
  - b. Animal Services Extension

Item was presented; and discussion followed.

Following discussion staff was provided no direction.

H. PAC25-015: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Original Denton District's support for Theatre Denton's application for the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) Arts Respond - Cultural District Project grant program in the amount of \$18,000 to support honoraria for orchestra musicians during the 2025/2026 Main Stage Musicals Series; and to provide a letter of support to the TCA.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Adam Chamberlin moved to approve the item as presented; Susan Thornton seconded. Motion carried

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Adam Chamberlin, Members Jordan Gill, Connor Bradford, Susan Thornton, Will Milne

NAYS (0):

ABSENT (3): Chair Jennifer Lane, Francesca Romano, Travis Veselka

I. PAC25-017: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Original Denton District's support for Texas Filmmakers Corporation's application for a \$20,000.00 grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) Arts Respond - Cultural District Project grant program; and to provide a letter of support to the TCA.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Adam Chamberlin moved to approve the item as presented; Susan Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Adam Chamberlin, Members Jordan Gill, Connor Bradford, Susan Thornton, Will Milne

NAYS (0):

ABSENT (3): Chair Jennifer Lane, Francesca Romano, Travis Veselka

### 3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

- Fort Worth's art basketball courts were mentioned
- The committee was provided a report on the ODD application for a \$25,000 grant from TCA and a letter of support. The committee had no objections and requested the item be voted on at the next meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:09p.m.

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JENNIFER LANE  
CHAIR  
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

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ROBIN HILL  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: \_\_\_\_\_