



City of Denton

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Meeting Agenda Public Art Committee

Thursday, April 2, 2026

4:00 PM

Civic Center Community Room

After determining that a quorum is present, the Public Art Committee of the City of Denton, Texas will convene in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Community Room at 321 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas, at which the following items will be considered:

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

This section of the agenda permits a person to make comments regarding public business on items not listed on the agenda. This is limited to two speakers per meeting with each speaker allowed a maximum of four (4) minutes. Such person(s) shall have filed a "Blue Card" requesting to speak during this period prior to the calling of this agenda item.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. [PAC26-003](#) Consider approval of the minutes of February 5, 2026.

Attachments: [Exhibit 1- February 5, 2026 Minutes](#)

- B. [PAC25-027](#) Receive nominations and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Public Art Committee.

Attachments: [Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet](#)

- C. [PAC26-002](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Public Art Committee.

Attachments: [Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet](#)

- D. [PAC25-029](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide input to staff regarding the status of the following Public Art Committee projects:

1. Current Projects
 - a. Traffic Box Wraps
 - b. Fire Stations #5 and #6
 - c. MLK Jr. Recreation Center Mural
2. Future Public Art Projects
 - a. Linda McNatt Animal Shelter Expansion (Bond-Funded)

Attachments: [Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet](#)

[Exhibit 2- Presentation](#)

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

A. Under Section 551.042 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, respond to inquiries from the Public Art Committee or the public with specific factual information or recitation of policy, or accept a proposal to place the matter on the agenda for an upcoming meeting AND Under Section 551.0415 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, provide reports about items of community interest regarding which no action will be taken, to include: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality; or an announcement involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

NOTE: The Public Art Committee reserves the right to adjourn into a Closed Meeting on any item on its Open Meeting agenda consistent with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, or as otherwise allowed by law.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

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City of Denton Parks, Public Art Committee

Minutes

February 5, 2026

After determining that a quorum of the City of Denton, Texas, Public Art Committee was present, the Committee convened in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 4:00p.m. in the Civic Center Community Room at 321 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

Present: Vice-Chair Adam Chamberlain, Members Susan Thornton, Will Milne, Travis Veselka, and Andrew Beck.

Absent: Chair Jennifer Lane, Member Connor Bradford, Francesca Romano

1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- None

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Items are listed in the order they were considered.

- A. PAC25-022: Consider approval of the minutes of August 7, 2025, October 2, 2025 and December 4, 2025.

Following discussion, Member Veselka moved to approve the minutes; Member Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Chamberlain, Members Thornton, Milne, Romano, Beck, and Veselka
NAYS (0):

ABSENT (3): Chair Lane, Members Bradford and Romano.

- C. PAC25-023: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give input to staff regarding the status of public art projects at Fire Station #5 and Fire Station #6.

Item was presented; and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Member Veselka moved to accept the item as presented; Member Milne seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Chamberlain, Members Thornton, Milne, Romano, Beck, and Veselka
NAYS (0):

ABSENT (3): Chair Lane, Members Bradford and Romano.

- D. PAC25-028: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Public Art Committee meeting schedule for 2026

Item was presented; and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Vice-Chair Chamberlain moved to accept the art donation; Member Milne seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Chamberlain, Members Thornton, Milne, Romano, Beck, and Veselka
NAYS (0):

ABSENT (3): Chair Lane, Members Bradford and Romano.

Vice-Chair Chamberlain left the meeting at 4:15 pm. At 4:15 pm, the Public Art Committee meeting no longer had a quorum of members in attendance, therefore no further actions were taken, and the meeting was adjourned.

ADAM CHAMBERLAIN
VICE-CHAIR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

ROBIN HILL
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: _____



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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation
ACM: Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager
DATE: April 2, 2026

SUBJECT

Receive nominations and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Public Art Committee.

BACKGROUND

The Public Art Committee elects a chairperson and vice-chairperson from its members annually. The Boards, Commissions, and Council Committees Handbook requires:

Election of Officers

Procedures for the election of officers for appointed boards are established to ensure consistency with the City Council's goals and policies in making board appointments. Except where otherwise provided by state law, federal law, City Charter, or City ordinances or resolutions, election of officers for City of Denton council-appointed boards will be as follows:

- *The chair and vice-chair will be elected by voting board members.*
- *Election of officers shall be annually as soon as practicable after the annual appointment process. If, for any reason, the chair or vice-chair vacates their seat, a special election should be held to fill the unexpired term. A temporary chair may be selected by the board pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order.*

Today, the Public Art Committee is asked to elect those individuals to serve the roles of a Chair and Vice-Chair throughout the 2026 calendar year.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Respectfully submitted:
Allison Wing, Interim Director Parks and
Recreation

Prepared by:
Omar Siddiqi, Admin. Analyst



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Receive a report, hold a discussion, regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Public Art Committee.

BACKGROUND

The role of the Public Art Committee (PAC) is provided both in the Public Art Policy (R2013-021) and repeated in the City's municipal code (Ch. 22, sec. 22.5). Under the Public Art Policy, PAC "will serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council" and make recommendations on the following policy areas:

- Commissioning, placing, and installing public art
- Implementation of funding mechanism(s) for public art
- Effective and Efficient management of public art
- Ongoing maintenance of public art
- Accessioning, Deaccessioning, and re-siting of public art.

The Public Art Policy defines public art as "encompassing the broadest definition of visual art including all artistic disciplines." Public included within the purview of the Public Art Committee includes "art that is visually or physically accessible to the public and that is acquired by, donated to, and approved by the City of Denton." Furthermore, the policy clarifies that public art that has not been paid for by the City of Denton or in some other way created through special approval of the City is not governed by this policy.

Like the Park Board, the public art committee is an "Advisory Board" meaning that its recommendations to staff and council are not binding.

The purpose of the Public Art Committee is to review planned, art-related work of the Parks and Recreation Department and to provide guidance on those plans. The Parks and Recreation Department benefits from the expertise of Public Art Committee members who are often working artists themselves, or otherwise deeply engaged in Denton's community of artists and cultural creators.

RECOMMENDATION

None.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Historically, funding for public art has derived from certain bond projects and HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) fund allocations, and grants from the Texas Commission on the Arts. The Public Art Policy also suggests private funding pursued by the City Council, Public Art Committee, and Greater Denton Arts Council (GDAC).

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BACKGROUND

This item provides information about recent and upcoming arts projects and seeks feedback from the committee on those projects and plans.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Traffic Box Wraps

Our Traffic Box installers wrapped eight additional boxes in October. Staff delivered a post-inspection report that found some minor issues with the installation. These issues were remedied by the installer. Additionally, paperwork for artist payments have been submitted by staff to the City's accounts payable department. Artists were offered \$200 each as an honorarium for their work on the traffic box art.

Fire Stations #5 and Fire Station #6

Recently, a subcommittee of Fire Department Staff and Public Art Committee members met to consider the proposals received for each Fire Station. These projects are covered in detail in a separate agenda item. At the February meeting, the Public Art Committee recommended advancing the contracting process with the winning artists for each project: Denton Maker Center for Fire Station #5 and Di Bari Innovative Design LLC for Fire Station #6.

MLK Jr. Recreation Center Mural

Parks and Recreation received a \$20,000 grant from Keep America Beautiful to support a mural installation at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center. Parks and Recreation staff have decided to use aluminum composite panels attached directly to the Recreation Center exterior walls. These panels are particularly suitable to the MLK mural project, as they allow the mural to be painted indoors.

A committee of PAC members and Parks and Recreation staff voted on the received proposals and chose JB Moore as the winning artist. Staff are working with Moore to gather the necessary documentation to

begin the contracting process. An ordinance for a contract with the artist will be brought to Council by City procurement staff.

Parks and Recreation staff asked for an additional, short extension for the project as JD Moore suggested his painting process would extend into mid-March. Staff are coordinating with the artist for a date when volunteers can help with certain elements of the mural. Parks and Recreation staff will coordinate with staff from facilities to schedule installation of the panels onto the MLK Recreation Center exterior.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Linda McNatt Animal Shelter Public Art

As part of the 2023 bond program, voters approved a resolution for an expansion to the Linda McNatt Animal Shelter that included a public art component. Parks staff developed an initial project scope that envisioned an outdoor public art component. Animal Services staff indicated a preference for an indoor public art piece in the facility’s foyer. Public Art Committee members offered feedback in April of 2025 indicating that they were not opposed to an indoor public art piece but emphasized that at least some component of the public art for that facility should be placed outdoors so that it is visible from the street. Staff are currently revising the project scope emphasize indoor and outdoor components.

RECOMMENDATION

None.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS

It is anticipated that public art components for the two fire stations will be complete by early 2027. Public art for the Animal Services Center should be complete and installed by Summer of 2027.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Each project will have an anticipated maintenance need. Staff are currently working on determining an inspection and asset management protocol under an updated Public Art Policy that will allow for inspections of larger artwork on an annual basis, leading to more accurate estimates of maintenance needs.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Public Art Bond Issue Timeline

FY23-24 (Animal Center)	\$317,000
FY 24-25 (Fire Stations #5 and #6)	\$506,000
FY 26-27 (Active Adult Center)	\$930,000
FY 28-29 (S. Branch Library)	\$969,000

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A watercolor painting by Dorothy Bertine serves as the background. It features a warm, earthy palette of browns, yellows, and oranges, with soft, blended washes and some darker, more defined shapes in blue and green. The overall style is abstract and organic, with a sense of depth and texture.

Project Update

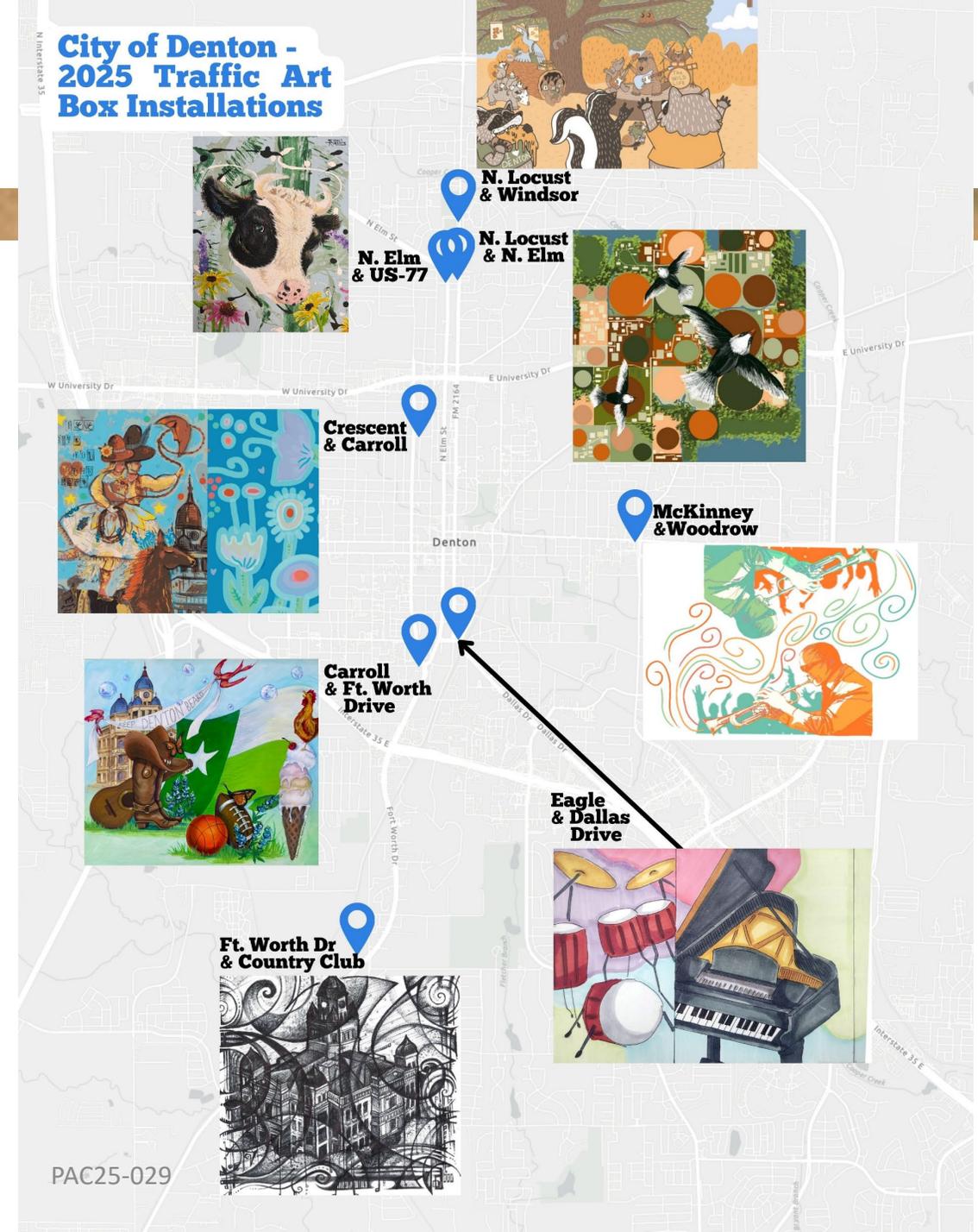
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Watercolor by Dorothy Bertine

TRAFFIC BOX WRAPS

- Eight new boxes installed in October
- Post-installation issues remedied
- Honorariums will be paid to artists (\$200)



FIRE STATION ART

- Subcommittee of Fire/PAC Ranked Proposals
- 2023 Bond-funded project
- \$253K budget for each project



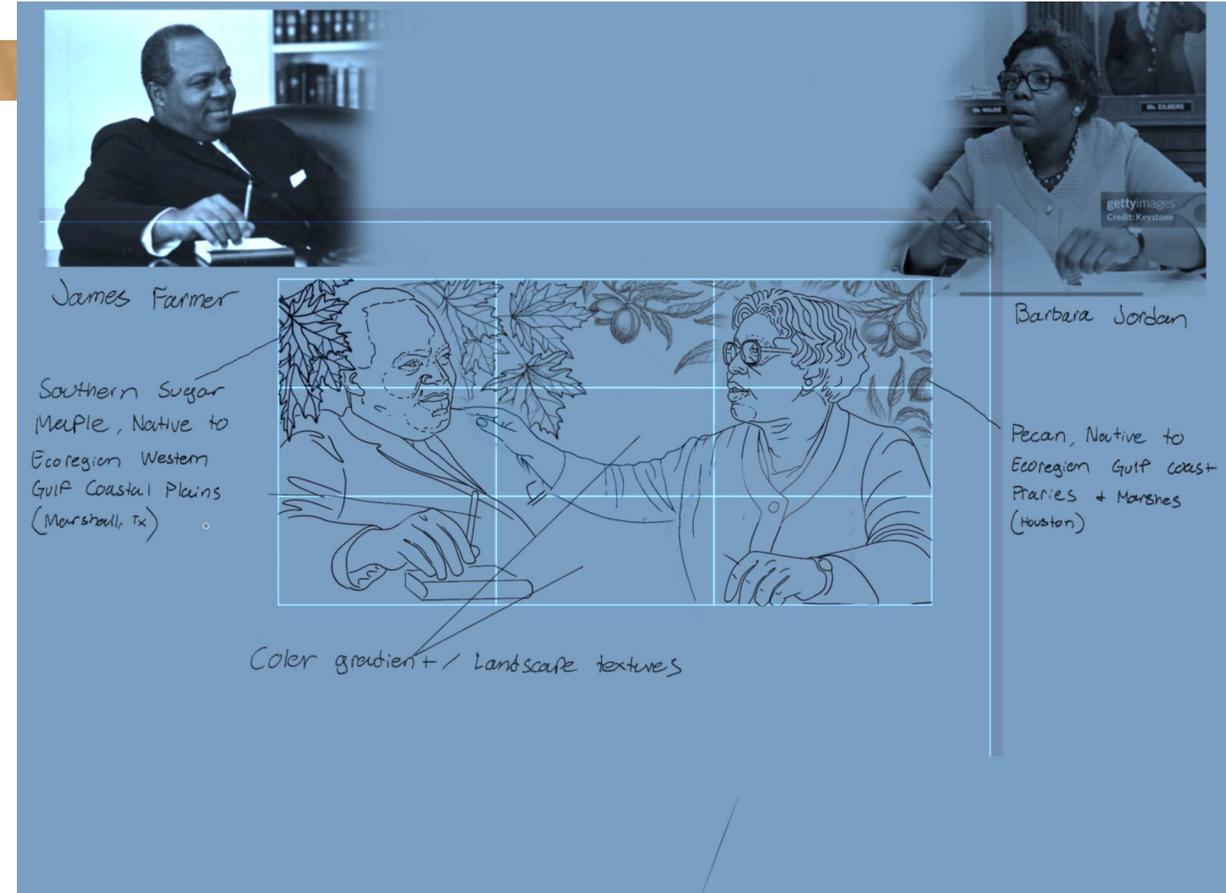
Denton Maker Center,
Fire Station #5



DiBari & Associates,
Fire Station #6

MLK JR. RECREATION CENTER MURAL

- Committee of PAC/Parks Staff considered and ranked received artist portfolios
- KAB \$20,000 grant
- Staff have contacted the highest-ranked artist
- The mural will be painted on aluminum panels
- Estimated installation: End of March



Linda McNatt Animal Shelter Expansion

- Animal Shelter staff wanted an interior piece in the facility lobby
- PAC in April asked for an external component for the public art visible from the street
- Staff are working to write a project scope involving both elements



Ray King, Golden Wave





Questions?