



City of Denton

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Meeting Agenda Public Art Committee

Thursday, August 7, 2025

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, August 7, 2025, 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. [PAC25-016](#) Consider approval of the minutes of May 22, 2025 and June 24, 2025.

Attachments: [Exhibit 1- May 22, 2025 Minutes](#)
 [Exhibit 2- June 24, 2025 Minutes](#)

- B. [PAC25-020](#) Introduction of Public Art Committee members and Parks staff.

- C. [PAC25-021](#) 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. BNSF/Noblewins Bench Installation
 - c. Fire Stations #5 and #6
 - d. MLK Jr. Recreation Center Mural
 - e. The Art Room - ALH Senior Center
 - f. Halloween Denton
 2. Arts Maintenance Projects
 - a. Bench People repair

Attachments: [Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet](#)
 [Exhibit 2- Traffic Box Art Locations](#)
 [Exhibit 3- 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.

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AGENDA CAPTION

Consider approval of the minutes of May 22, 2025 and June 24, 2025.

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

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.

JENNIFER LANE
CHAIR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

ROBIN HILL
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: _____

City of Denton Parks, Public Art Committee

Minutes

June 24, 2025

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 Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. in the Civic Center Community Room at 321 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

Present: Chair Jennifer Lane, Members Francesca Romano, Susan Thornton, Will Milne, and Travis Veselka

Absent: Vice-Chair Adam Chamberlain, Jordan Gill, Connor Bradford

1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- None

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. PAC25-018: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on a mural project underway at MLK Rec. Center provided for by a grant from Keep America Beautiful.

Item was presented; and discussion followed.

Following discussion, staff was provided the following direction:

- Email project timeline and link to vote on art to committee.

- B. PAC25-019: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction, to approve or deny the acceptance of several art works as a donation from The Art Room.

Item was presented; and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Member Milne moved to accept the art donation; Member Romano seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Chair Lane, Members Thornton, Milne, Romano, and Veselka

NAYS (0):

ABSENT (3): Vice-Chair Chamberlain, Members Gill, and Bradford

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

- None

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:09p.m.

JENNIFER LANE
CHAIR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

ROBIN HILL
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: _____



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AGENDA CAPTION

Introduction of Public Art Committee members and Parks staff.



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AGENDA CAPTION

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 - a. *Bench People* repair



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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

ACM: Christine Taylor

DATE: August 7, 2025

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide input to staff regarding the status of the following Public Art Committee projects:

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 - f) Halloween Denton
- 2) Arts Maintenance Projects
 - a) *Bench People* repair

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

Staff have provided all eight artworks selected for installation by the Public Art Committee from our public art call to our printer/installers at Speedpro Irving. Installation of new traffic box art on has begun. A map of traffic box art and installation locations is included with this report (see **Exhibit 2- New Traffic Box Art Locations**).

BNSF/Noblewins Bench Installation

Staff have scheduled the unveiling ceremony for the BNSF/Noblewins bench for **Monday, August 18 at 10 a.m. at the Patterson-Appleton Arts Center (Greater Denton Arts Council)**. Members of the Public Art Committee are welcome and encouraged to attend the ceremony which should also include the Mayor or a Council/CMO representative, BNSF staff, and the executive director of Texas Operation Lifesaver, a nonprofit dedicated to safety at railway crossings. The bench will be installed next to the Patterson-Appleton Arts Center on Hickory Street near the intersection with the Downtown railroad line.

Fire Stations #5 and #6

Recently, the artist calls for both fire stations concluded. Staff received 30 proposals for Fire Station #5 and 27 proposals for Fire Station #6. Following a staff review of the received proposals, a subcommittee of the Public Art Committee, Fire Staff, and other relevant City staff will be convened to consider the proposals and determine winning proposals for each project.

MLK Jr Recreation Center Mural

Earlier this year, Parks and Recreation Staff applied for a grant through Keep America Beautiful's MLK Corridor Community Grant Program. This program seeks to "revitalize and beautify roads, neighborhoods, and parks in or adjacent to areas named in honor of the civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." In the grant application, staff asked for \$20,000.00 to install a landmark community artwork at the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center in the form of a community-created mural that would communicate the contemporary legacy of the Civil Rights movement. City Council considered and approved the grant in their meeting on August 5.

Staff have created a survey to better understand patron and community members' art preferences for the future mural and will be using this information to hire an appropriate muralist who also has experience collaborating on community-created projects.

The Art Room Community Art Project - ALH Senior Center

The Art Room is a Denton-based nonprofit that provides art studio space for individuals working through mental health issues. As part of its community-oriented mission, The Art Room also provides an annual art project, artistically rejuvenating the spaces of other community organizations. For 2025, The Art Room would like to focus on the ALH Senior Center as the site of their annual community project.

The Art Room has named this year's community project "From These Roots" in honor of the elders who helped establish the ALH Senior Center and whose legacy lives in our present moment. The project consists of three parts: a colorful 56" x 80" mural of the original ALH building created by combining individual panels painted by volunteer participants, an appliqued quilt featuring a Sankofa bird created with the help of volunteers from the Denton Quilt Guild and guided by quilt artist Barbara McCraw, and a mosaic bench project featuring American Flag and Sankofa bird motifs that will similarly be created with help from community volunteers. The Art Room anticipates installing these works in early September.

Halloween Denton

Staff continue to work on programming for Halloween Denton. The Denton contingent of the Tejas Storytelling Association is currently finalizing theming for their City Hall Graveyard Saturday evening storytelling series.

Staff are also currently in the process of securing an artist to provide reusable, 3D, immersive, Halloween-themed ground art. These art pieces will work like optical illusions offering especially compelling photo opportunity spots. Staff are also continuing to work on the Graveyard Mausoleum and on wire ghosts for deployment within Quakertown Park.

The Scary Chairy Orchard registration launches early in August along with social media announcements to help get the word out. We hope to have a similar turnout to last year where we received around 140 Scary Chairy art pieces.

ARTS MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Bench People Damage

Recently, a repair was performed on the Bench People sculpture to re-attach a finger that had fallen off. Staff do not think the damage was the result of vandalism but was perhaps due to an intrinsic and original weakness in the stone itself.

RECOMMENDATION

None.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

Traffic wrap installations should be nearing completion in August.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

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

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

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Traffic Box Art Locations

Exhibit 3- Presentation

Respectfully submitted:

Gary Packan, Director Parks and Recreation

Prepared by:

Omar Siddiqi, Admin. Analyst,

Parks and Recreation

City of Denton - 2025 Traffic Art Box Installations



**N. Elm
& US-77**



**N. Locust
& Windsor**

**N. Locust
& N. Elm**



**Crescent
& Carroll**



**Carroll
& Ft. Worth
Drive**



**McKinney
& Woodrow**

**Eagle
& Dallas
Drive**



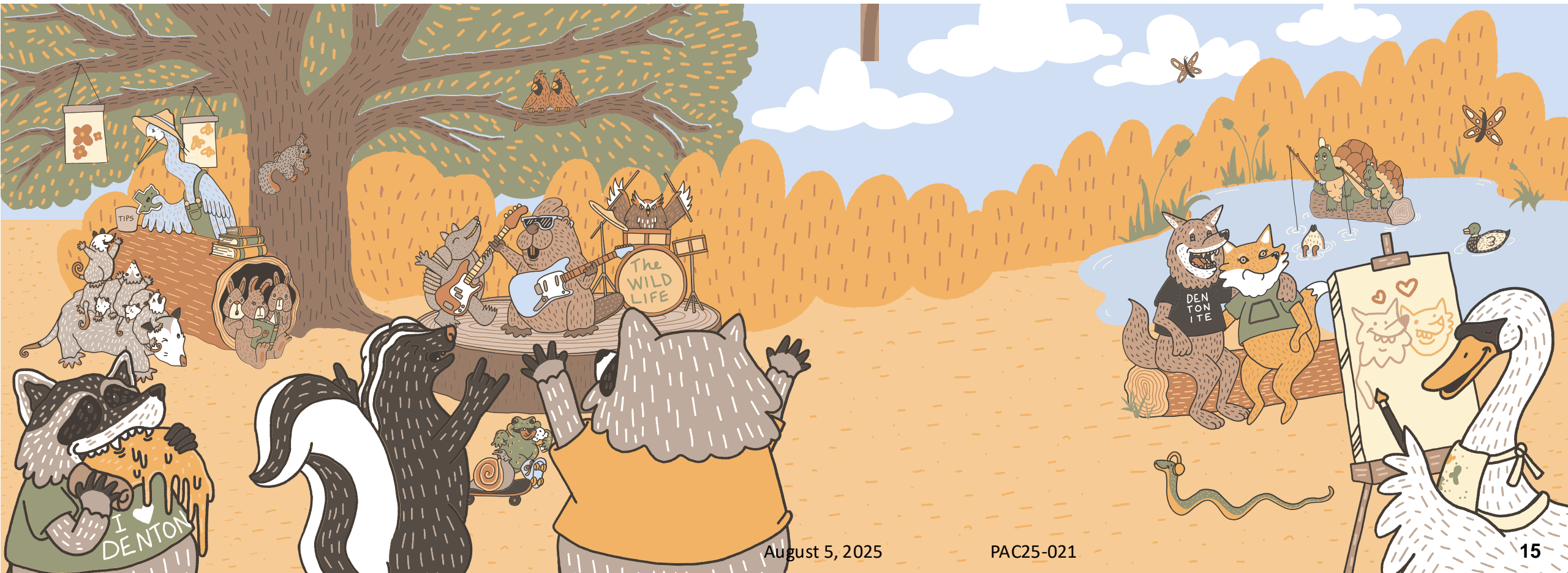
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Public Art Committee

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Project Update



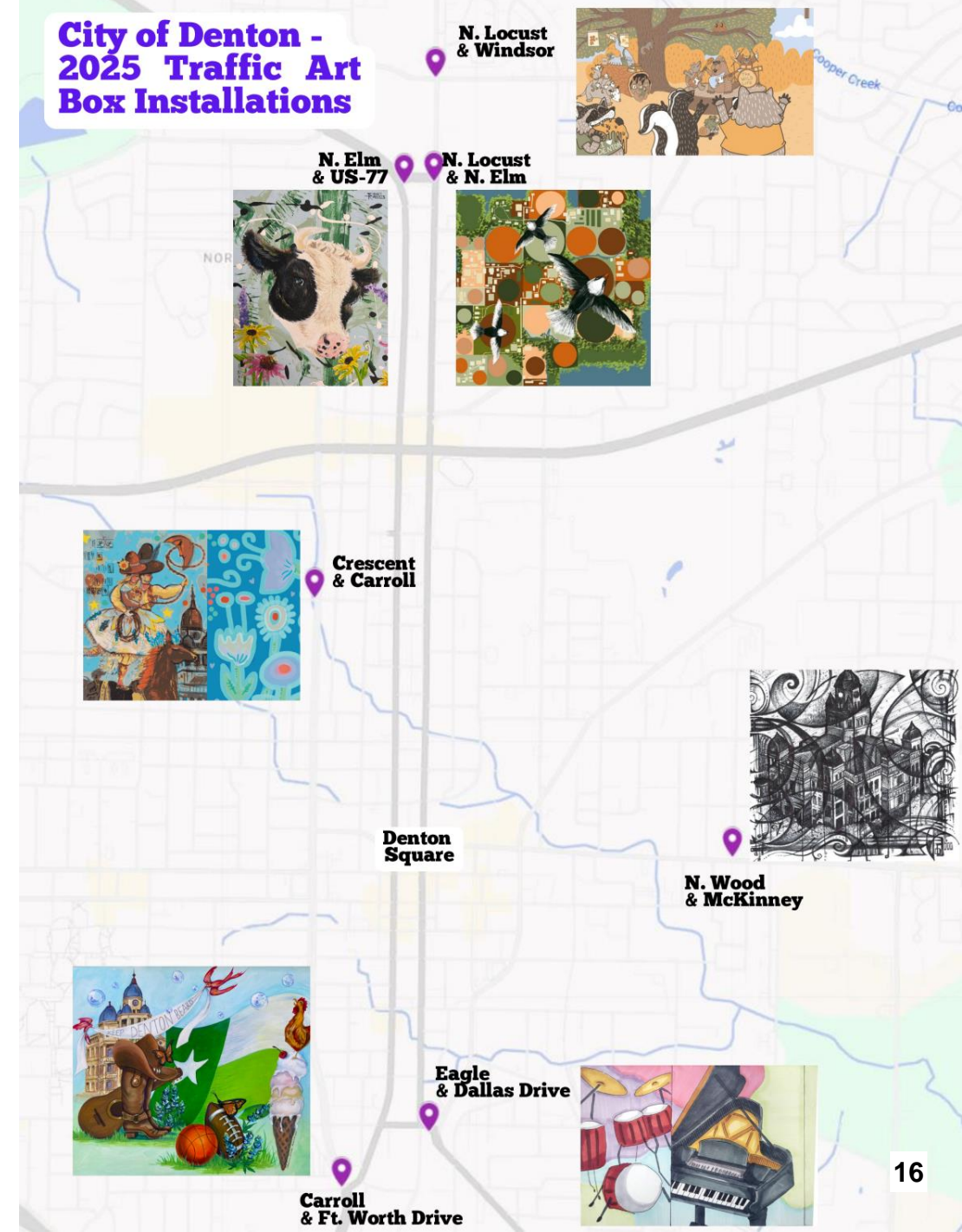
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Traffic Box Wraps

Printing and installation ongoing,
seven boxes should be installed by
the end of August.



Noblewins Bench Installation

Patterson-Appleton Arts Center
(Greater Denton Arts Council)
August 18 at 10 a.m.

PAC are welcome and encouraged to
attend!



Fire Stations #5 and #6

Purchasing received 31 and 27 proposals for Fire Station #5 and Fire Station #6, respectively.



Halloween Denton

Staff continue to finalize exciting new additions to our Halloween program:

- Graveyard Storytelling
- Immersive Ground Art
- Mausoleum
- Wire Ghosts
- Scary Chairy Orchard 2.0
- Morrison Milling Projection Art
- Numerous placemaking



Bench People Repair

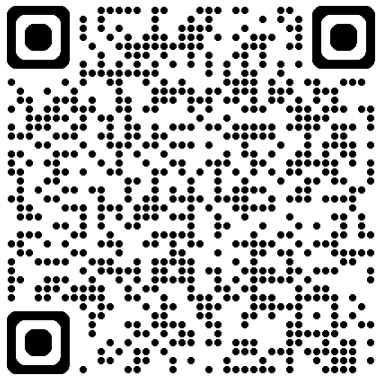
The missing fingertip has been reattached to the Bench People sculpture.



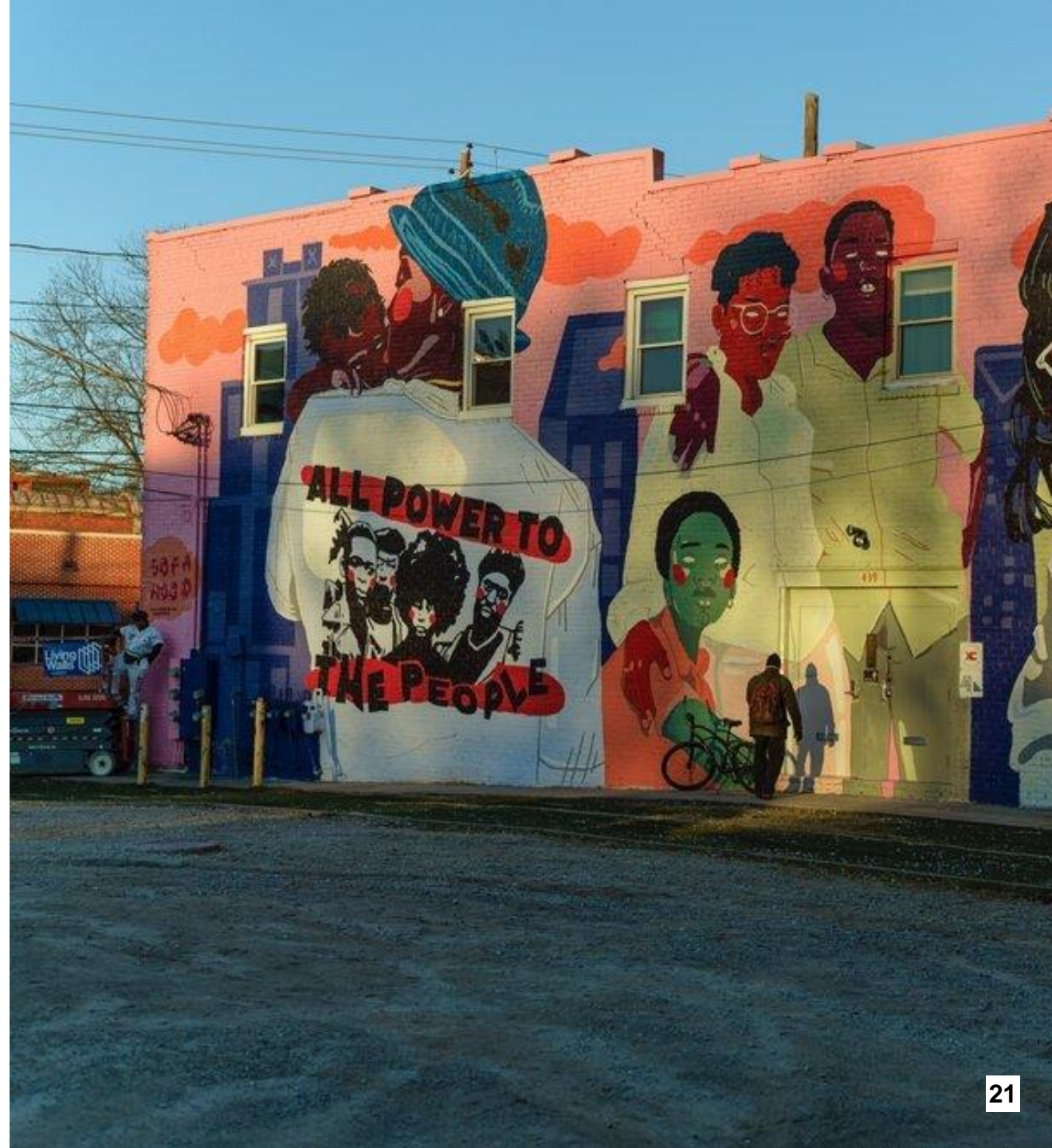
MLK Mural

Council considered the KAB grant on August 5 Council Meeting.

Art style survey is live and accepting additional responses.



[Survey Link](#)





ALH Senior Center



August 5, 2025



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Questions?