



# City of Ann Arbor

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Ann Arbor Public Art Commission

301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Wednesday, March 4, 2026

7:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second floor, City Council Chambers

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#### I.) CALL TO ORDER (Mary Thiefels) (1 Minute)

*Chair Mary Thiefels called the electronic meeting of the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission to order at 7:04 PM.*

#### II.) ROLL CALL (Christopher Cespedes) (2 Minutes)

*Present city staff, speakers, and/or guests:*

- Christopher Cespedes (City Staff)

#### **Approved as presented**

**Present:** 8 - Allison Buck, Peggy Wier-Leonard, Marianetta Porter, Cynthia Harrison, Mary Thiefels, Sarah Fuller, John Kotarski, and John Jourden

**Absent:** 2 - Jamall Bufford, and Jenna Carter

#### III.) CONSENT AGENDA (Mary Thiefels)(2 Minutes)

III.A.) Approval of Agenda

III.B.) Approval of Minutes

**26-0382** AAPAC - FEB 2026 Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** AAPAC - FEB 2026 Meeting Minutes.pdf

**A motion was made by Commissioner Kotarski, seconded by Commissioner Neal, to approve the meeting agenda and the previous meeting minutes as presented. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.**

**IV.) PUBLIC COMMENT - 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER (Christopher Cespedes)**

*Public comment was opened. No members of the public spoke during public comment.*

**V.) BUSINESS**

V.A.) No Business Items

**VI.) INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION**

VI.A.) Mini-Grant Partnership Discussion - Creative Washtenaw (Mary Thiefels) (20 minutes)

**26-0380** Creative Washtenaw & AAPAC - Mini Grant

**Attachments:** Creative Washtenaw & AAPAC - Mini Grant.pdf

*Discussion Highlights:*

- *Staff update on Creative Washtenaw coordination.*
- *Program structure and funding considerations discussed.*
- *Preliminary timeline for future grant cycle noted.*

VI.B.) Main Street Underpass – Murals That Bridge (Mary Thiefels) (20 minutes)

*Discussion Highlights:*

- *Update provided on Main Street underpass mural project progress.*
- *Project funding and design development noted.*
- *Community engagement and coordination considerations discussed.*

**VII.) COMMUNICATIONS**

VII.A.) Staff Report and Updates (Christopher Cespedes) (10 Minutes)

*Discussion Highlights:*

- *Update provided on Golden Paintbrush Awards coordination.*
- *Timing for City Council recognition discussed.*
- *Draft press release and recipient notification process reviewed.*

## VII.B.) Commission Member Communications (Mary Thiefels) (10 minutes)

*Discussion Highlights:*

- *Upcoming arts advocacy participation noted.*
- *Community arts events and programs announced.*

## VII.C.) Reports from Working Groups (Mary Thiefels) (30 minutes)

*Discussion Highlights:*

- *Communications and Outreach updates noted.*
- *Fundraising coordination related to mini-grant discussed.*
- *CIP working group reported no new project recommendations.*
- *Commissioner term reappointment process acknowledged.*

**VIII. Next Agenda Items (Mary Thiefels) (3 minutes)**

*The Chair invited commissioners to suggest future agenda items. No specific items were identified.*

**IX. Adjournment (Mary Thiefels) – 2 minutes**

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.*

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