



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Art Advisory Board

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

6:00 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

Chair Rathgeber called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 5 - Chair Rathgeber, Vice Chair Gruenberg, Board Member Doczy, Board Member Falk and Board Member Berra

Absent 1 - Board Member Cascio

Also Present

Staff Liaison White and Board Specialist Gray.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

[25-2559](#)

Approve the June 10, 2025 Art Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Mr. White introduced the item.

Chair Rathgeber requested a motion.

A motion was made by Board Member Doczy, seconded by Board Member Falk, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Rathgeber, Vice Chair Gruenberg, Board Member Doczy and Board Member Falk

Not Present: 1 - Board Member Berra

Absent: 1 - Board Member Cascio

6. Unfinished Business

A. [25-2138](#)

Continued Discussion and Possible Action Regarding NPAC Sculpture

(Mike Halligan) at Myakkahatchee Creek Greenway Trail

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Mr. White introduced the item and spoke to payments and vendor privilege.

Board discussion took place regarding the remaining balance and outstanding payments.

B. [25-2472](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Rock Sculpture Project

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Mr. White introduced the item and spoke to Parks and Recreation input.

Board discussion took place regarding parks and grounds manager.

Chair Rathgeber requested a motion.

A motion was made by Board Member Falk, seconded by Board Member Doczy, to request Mr. White contact Parks and Grounds Manager Jeff Nelson with questions from the Board, submitted via email, regarding the Rock Sculpture Project. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Rathgeber, Vice Chair Gruenberg, Board Member Doczy and Board Member Falk

Not Present: 1 - Board Member Berra

Absent: 1 - Board Member Cascio

Board discussion continued regarding the type of project, kids involvement, and ceiling tiles.

Mr. White spoke to next steps, call to artists proposal, and Commission review.

Board discussion continued regarding next steps, and locations.

C. [25-2136](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Garden of 5 Senses Sculpture continued

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Mr. White introduced the item and spoke to new artists, time frame, and Commission approval.

Board discussion took place regarding the artist list, identifying artists, North Port Art Center (NPAC), creating an artist database, schools, methods for gathering additional information, art mediums, and Sarasota Art Center.

Chair Rathgeber requested a motion.

A motion was made by Board Member Falk, seconded by Vice Chair Gruenberg, to request Mr. White to create an Excel spreadsheet to catalog artists and their respective mediums, based on information submitted by Board Members via email. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Rathgeber, Vice Chair Gruenberg, Board Member Doczy and Board Member Falk

Not Present: 1 - Board Member Berra

Absent: 1 - Board Member Cascio

Board discussion continued regarding locating artists, future projects, and the continuation of the sculpture project.

Board Member Berra arrived at 6:25 p.m.

Board discussion continued regarding intent of sculpture, key elements, color, symbolism, integrity, design changes, and artist recognition.

7. New Business

A. [25-2046](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Rock Painting Wall

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Mr. White introduced the item and spoke to it being a duplicate of Item No. 25-2472, the Rock Sculpture Project, which had been discussed earlier.

B. [25-2364](#) Discussion and Possible Action to further discuss Ceiling Tile Project

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Mr. White introduced the item.

Board discussion took place regarding engaging children through school participation, using ceiling tiles as a medium, potential display locations, project vision and theme, time frame, next steps, membership pathways, and collaboration opportunities.

Mr. White spoke to staff liaison role and contacting Commission.

C. [25-2569](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding NPAC Sculpture (Mike Halligan) at Myakkahatchee Creek Greenway Trail

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Mr. White introduced the item and spoke to it being a duplicate Item No. 25-2138, North Port Art Center (NPAC) Sculpture, which had been discussed earlier.

8. Future Agenda Items

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Board discussion took place regarding parks update and possible collaboration.

A motion was made by Board Member Berra, seconded by Board Member Falk, to request Mr. White contact Ms. Sturgess from Parks and Recreation to request that she meet with the Board and give an update on parks. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Rathgeber, Vice Chair Gruenberg, Board Member Doczy, Board Member Falk and Board Member Berra

Absent: 1 - Board Member Cascio

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

Chair Rathgeber adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

By: _____
Eva Rathgeber, Chair