



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Art Advisory Board

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

6:00 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rathgeber called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Chair Rathgeber, Board Member Mccauley, Board Member Wischhusen and Board Member Wilson

Absent 1 - Board Member Falk

ALSO PRESENT

Staff Liaison Davey, City Clerk Faust, and Board Specialist Crawford

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

- A. [26-0690](#) Approve the April 14, 2026 Art Advisory Board Minutes.

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

A motion was made by Board Member Wischhusen, seconded by Board Member Wilson, to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Rathgeber, Board Member Mccauley, Board Member Wischhusen and Board Member Wilson

Absent: 1 - Board Member Falk

- B. [26-0757](#) Approve the May 12, 2026 Art Advisory Board Minutes.

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

A motion was made by Board Member Wischhusen, seconded by Board Member Mccauley, to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Rathgeber, Board Member Mccauley, Board Member Wischhusen and Board Member Wilson

Absent: 1 - Board Member Falk

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. [26-0674](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Garden of 5 Senses Sculpture Project

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Board discussion took place regarding guideline limitations including element impacts with regard to lifetime of art, and cost of materials, responsibility of artist for maintenance, budget for project, conflict of interest for board member receiving funds to complete project, sponsorships, design, discussion with alternate artist regarding mural including Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Commission approval, creating a public art policy, previously proposed structure including testing of materials, prior Commission approval, project scope, providing updated proposal to the Board, and high school student participation.

Mr. Davey spoke to an art policy and timeline.

Board discussion continued regarding materials, cost, and future timeline.

B. [26-0675](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Arts in the Hall Project Planning

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Mr. Davey spoke to the item and provided an overview.

Bonnie Coucci, North Port Art Center, spoke to timeline and potential reception.

Board discussion took place regarding project organization method and responsibilities, priorities, Board inconsistencies, budget, and materials needed.

C. [26-0676](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Three Graces Project

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Board discussion took place regarding absence of Board Member Falk and continuance.

D. [26-0677](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Halligan Sculpture Project

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Mr. Davey spoke to the item and provided details.

Board discussion took place regarding timeline, payments, completed work, ceasing contract regarding artist, next steps, fund recovery, and updates.

A motion was made by Board Member Wilson, seconded by Board Member Wischhusen, to terminate contract with Halligan Design Productions. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Rathgeber, Board Member Mccauley, Board Member Wischhusen and Board Member Wilson

Absent: 1 - Board Member Falk

A motion was made by Board Member Wilson, seconded by Board Member Wischhusen, to recommend the City Commission take further action regarding this item. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Rathgeber, Board Member Mccauley, Board Member Wischhusen and Board Member Wilson

Absent: 1 - Board Member Falk

E. [26-0797](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Peace Poles Project Planning

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Board discussion took place regarding project information, cost, placement, and community involvement.

Ms. Faust spoke to previous Commission direction, Board review of Commission meeting minutes and video, and further discussion at the next Board meeting.

F. [26-0798](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding North Port Paint Posse Exhibition Proposal

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Mr. Davey noted that Michele Moore had withdrawn the application for this project.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. [26-0957](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Artist Database

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Board discussion took place regarding Board Member Falk's designation to maintain database spreadsheet, ability to review Business Tax Receipt (BTR) information and Chamber of Commerce website for local artists, and attaching spreadsheet to future agenda items.

B. [26-0959](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Election of Vice Chair

Chair Rathgeber announced the item and called for nominations for Vice Chair.

Board Member Wilson nominated Board Member Wischhusen to serve as Vice Chair.

With no additional nominations Chair Rathgeber closed the nominations and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Board Member Wilson, seconded by Board Member Mccauley, to elect Board Member Wischhusen as Vice Chair. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Rathgeber, Board Member Mccauley, Board Member Wischhusen and Board Member Wilson

Absent: 1 - Board Member Falk

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Rathgeber announced the item and queried Board Members regarding items to be placed on a future agenda including Holiday Card Project, Peace Poles Project, and Three Graces Project.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rathgeber adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

By: _____
Eva Rathgeber, Chair