



# City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes - Final Art Advisory Board

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Tuesday, March 14, 2023

6:00 PM

City Hall Room 244

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### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Roll Call

**Present** 6 - Chair Namack, Vice Chair Mannino, Board Member Parkinson, Board Member Loos, Board Member Gozion and Board Member Rathgeber

**Absent** 1 - Board Member Fritz

### Also Present

Recreation Supervisor Shelby Mendelson and Recording Secretary Susan Hale.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Namack.

### 4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### 5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [23-0375](#) Approval of the Minutes for the February 7, 2023 Art Advisory Board Meeting.

*A motion was made by Board Member Gozion, seconded by Board Member Rathgeber, to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

### 6. New Business

- A. [23-0391](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Art in Public Places Fund (Lori Barnes)

Chair Namack introduced the item.

Ms. Barnes provided an overview including historical background of the Art in Public Places Chapter of the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC), current regulations, Art Board responsibilities, standardizing measurable regulations, criteria, deviations and deferrals to contributions, expected completion timeline, forfeiture of deposit, Art Board expenditure recommendations, compliance with ULDC, the current Fund Balance amount, spreadsheet of expenditures, and the scope of developments required to

participate in the acquisition of public art.

Discussion ensued regarding inventory of existing art, tracking, a tri-fold brochure of public art locations, Commission discretion regarding placement of art, examples of a deferral and forfeiture, non-compliant developers, inspection process by Planning Department, art maintenance by developer, public art sponsorships, grants, evaluating existing projects, reassessing priorities, and fines associated with non-compliance.

**B. [23-0451](#)** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Sarasota Rising and the Living Arts Festival (Jeffrey Kin)

Chair Namack announced the item.

Jeffrey Kin, Executive Director Sarasota Rising, provided an overview including growth of the organization, advertising and marketing, branding west Florida as the Cultural Coast, using Living Arts Festivals as an arts destination attraction, Arts and Cultural Alliance being the parent company, the organization's 501c3 status, collaboration with small organizations and communities, an entertainment arm, artistic themes, business initiatives, an annual Living Arts Fall Festival, and engaging cultural tourism.

Discussion ensued regarding collaborating with the City's 65th Anniversary.

***A motion was made by Board Member Loos, seconded by Vice Chair Mannino, to consider collaboration with the Sarasota Rising organization as part of North Port's 65th Anniversary Celebration. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

**C. [23-0320](#)** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Implementation of a Sculpture Exhibit at the Garden of Five Senses

Chair Namack announced the item.

Ms. Mendelson provided a review including artist Don McCauley's sketch.

Discussion ensued regarding rendering the sculpture in 4-D, final approval by Commission, cost, materials, use of redwood cedar, stained glass butterfly, height of sculpture, an enclosure (fence), and need for a comprehensive plan.

***A motion was made by Board Member Loos, seconded by Vice Chair Mannino, to contact the Parks and Recreation Department regarding their future plans for the Garden of the Five Senses and the possibility of combining the sculpture with their plans. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

Chair Namack requested to move Item No. 23-0150 next on the agenda.

***Without objection, Chair Namack reordered the agenda to hear Item No. 23-0150 next.***

## 7. Unfinished Business

**E. [23-0150](#)** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Commission's Direction Pertaining to a Mural at the Community Education Center

Chair Namack announced the item.

Artist Laura Pommier presented a basic mosaic concept submission for the Senior Center building mural.

Discussion ensued regarding the location, surface preparation, price breakdown, submission by Laura Pucci, height and width of the Senior Center wall, additional details needed from both parties, and aquatic center mural status and preparation process.

***A motion was made by Board Member Gozion, seconded by Vice Chair Mannino, to request Laura Pommier present a mockup of her mural on building including a cost breakdown, and that Laura Pucci clarify her artwork submission, and to have both renderings projected on the building for comparison. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

## 6. New Business Continued

- D. [23-0318](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Art Advisory Board's Project Status Report.

***A motion was made by Board Member Loos, seconded by Board Member Parkinson, to continue Item Nos. 23-0318, 23-0319, 23-3174, 23-3874, 23-0285, and 23-3176 to the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

## 7. Unfinished Business Continued

- A. [23-0151](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Upcoming Arts in the Hall Event

Chair Namack announced the item.

Ms. Mendelson provided an update including finishing hanging of art pieces, digital invitation, entertainment, assigning jobs for each Board Member at the event, date for the event, refreshments, and a debriefing after the event.

***Item No. 23-0151 was continued to the next meeting.***

- B. [23-0319](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Skate Park Mural

***Item No. 23-0319 was continued to the next meeting.***

- C. [22-3174](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the City's 65th Anniversary and Community of Unity Themed Project

***Item No. 23-3174 was continued to the next meeting.***

- D. [22-3874](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Placement of Artwork Near Walgreen's in Heron Creek.

***tem No. 23-3874 was continued to the next meeting.***

- F. [23-0285](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Painting the City's Utility Boxes

***Item No. 23-0285 was continued to the next meeting.***

- G. [22-3176](#) Upcoming Events and Programs with the North Port Art Center (Dee Dee Gozion)

*Item No. 23-3176 was continued to the next meeting.*

### 8. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda item include discussion regarding project planning, project status, and scheduling a special planning meeting.

***A motion was made by Board Member Parkinson, seconded by Vice Chair Mannino, to schedule a Special Meeting on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. to discuss the Art Advisory Board Project Status Report. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

### 9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### 10. Adjournment

Chair Namack adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Mannino, Chair

Minutes were approved on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.