



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Art Advisory Board

Tuesday, January 13, 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 3 - Chair Rathgeber, Vice Chair Gruenberg and Board Member Doczy

Absent 1 - Board Member Falk

Also Present

Staff Liaison Davey, Assistant City Attorney Coughlin, City Clerk Faust, and Board Specialist Fritz.

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. [26-0219](#) Approve the December 9, 2025, Art Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

Chair Rathgeber announced the item and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Gruenberg, seconded by Board Member Doczy, to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Rathgeber, Vice Chair Gruenberg and Board Member Doczy

Absent: 2 - Board Member Falk and Stark

6. Presentations

A. [26-0231](#) Presentation of Sunshine Law Training (Presented by the Office of the City Attorney)

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Ms. Coughlin provided a presentation including public meetings definition, open meeting requirements, social gatherings and meetings, attorney general opinions, and

communications on personal devices.

Board discussion took place regarding Board communication and policy for answering public questions.

Ms. Faust spoke to the process for an individual Board Member representing the Board in public.

Ms. Coughlin continued the presentation including penalties for violation and examples, public records definition and requests, email and text messages, public records retention, Florida Commission on Ethics, prohibited conduct, abuse of public position, disclosure or use of certain information, prohibited relationships, voting and conflicts of interest, relatives, penalties, meeting procedures, quorum and motions, discussion, alternate members, and requesting information that is not a public record.

7. New Business

A. [26-0246](#) Election of Chair and Vice Chair

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

Board Member Doczy nominated Chair Rathgeber to serve as Chair.

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

A motion was made by Board Member Doczy, seconded by Vice Chair Gruenberg, to elect Chair Rathgeber as Chair. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Rathgeber, Vice Chair Gruenberg and Board Member Doczy

Absent: 2 - Board Member Falk and Stark

Chair Rathgeber called for nominations for Vice Chair.

Chair Rathgeber nominated Vice Chair Gruenberg to serve as Vice Chair.

Chair Rathgeber asked for any additional nominations.

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

A motion was made by Board Member Doczy, seconded by Chair Rathgeber, to elect Board Member Gruenberg as Vice Chair. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Rathgeber, Vice Chair Gruenberg and Board Member Doczy

Absent: 2 - Board Member Falk and Stark

B. [26-0306](#) Review, Update, and Designation of Board Member to Manage and Update Project Tracking List to be Provided to Staff Liaison Two-Weeks Prior to Each Meeting for Inclusion on Each Agenda as Unfinished Business

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Ms. Faust introduced the item.

Board discussion took place regarding designation of Board Members and spreadsheet.

There was consensus to select Vice Chair Gruenberg to manage and update the project tracking list.

Board discussion continued regarding process and Board Member updates.

- C. [26-0309](#) Continued Discussion and Updates Regarding Local Call to Artist Database to be Provided to Staff Liaison Two-Weeks Prior to Each Meeting for Inclusion on Each Agenda as Unfinished Business.

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Ms. Faust introduced the item.

There was consensus to select Board Member Falk to manage and update the call to artist tracking list.

- D. [26-0310](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Annual Arts in the Hall Project

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Ms. Faust introduced the item.

Board discussion took place regarding budget, number of students, picture frames, updates, date and timeline, and procedure.

There was consensus to select Vice Chair Gruenberg to manage and contact teachers for the annual arts in the hall project.

8. Unfinished Business

- A. [26-0307](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding "Three Graces" Project

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Board discussion took place regarding Board Member Falk's involvement with project and continuing the item.

- B. [26-0308](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Garden of 5 Senses Sculpture

Chair Rathgeber announced and introduced the item.

Board discussion took place regarding artist details, backup artists and qualifications for project, and timeline.

There was consensus for Chair Rathgeber to continue managing the call to artist for the Garden of 5 Senses sculpture project.

9. Future Agenda Items

Chair Rathgeber announced the item.

Board discussion took place including the rock and tile projects on next month's agenda.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

Chair Rathgeber adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

By: _____
Eva Rathgeber, Chair