

Special Meeting Minutes
Edmond Visual Art Commission Meeting
Wednesday, May 21, 2025
4:00 pm

Edmond History Museum - 431 S. Boulevard, Edmond, Oklahoma

The agenda for this meeting was posted in the City First Administration Building on May 19, 2025, at 11:34 AM.

EVAC Members Present:	Halee Biggs, David Dobson, Bruce Jackson, Robert Looman, Amy Stephens, and Jesse Warne
Members Absent:	Louise Cleary Cannon, Michele Koopman, Maggie Murdock Nichols
Staff Present:	Cinda Covell, Devyn Dlugokinski, Addyson Gagne Madison Henderson, and Leanna Holman.
Guests Present:	Dana & Randel Shadid, Krista Jones, Gwen Shaw, and Nicolas Cornu

1. Meeting called to order

David Dobson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. Introduction of visitors

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2025

Bruce Jackson motioned to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Halee Biggs.

Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Halee Biggs, David Dobson, Bruce Jackson, Robert Looman, Amy Stephens, and Jesse Warne

Nays: None

4. Approval of Financials through April 2025

Cinda Covell provided the following information: Our FY 24-25 has a combined total of \$115,124.31, which includes \$111,261.93 for partner matching funds and Unrestricted funds of \$3,862.38; this will increase to \$4,738.50 due to removing the signage project for UCO that has not come to fruition. That brings the balance up to \$4,738.50 for Unrestricted Funds. Maintenance Reserves are unchanged with a balance of \$83,226.10.

Robert Looman motioned to approve the financials as submitted, seconded by Halee Biggs.

Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Halee Biggs, David Dobson, Bruce Jackson, Robert Looman, Amy Stephens, and Jesse Warne

Nays: None

5. Presentation and Discussion of Park Conservancy Trust (PCT) financials through February 2025.

Included in the packet.

6. Discussion and Consideration of partnering with Friends of the 19th Amendment for the purchase of “Stand” a bronze by Jane DeDecker for a total purchase price of \$67,000.00 with EVAC partnering for \$30,000.00. Location to be determined in the Uncommon Ground Sculpture Park.

Dana Shadid provided additional general information about the sculpture and requested all donations over the \$37,000.00 needed to purchase the art piece be reserved for setting, base, signage, and landscaping specifically for “Stand”. Currently there is \$21,050.00 additional funds and more donations are expected.

Cinda Covell stated the additional funds can and will be reserved specifically for the setting, base, signage, and landscaping for “Stand” by Jane DeDecker if the partnership is approved.

Robert Looman motioned to approve partnering for the purchase of “Stand” by Jane DeDecker, seconded by Halee Biggs. David Dobson called for an individual vote.

Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Halee Biggs, David Dobson, Bruce Jackson, Robert Looman, Amy Stephens, and Jesse Warne

Nays: None

7. Discussion and Consideration of utilizing Unrestricted Funds to pay for two additional powder coated cards for the A.C. Caplinger Ball Concession Stand to replace existing City of Edmond signage to match the rest of the cards that are part of the “Flight of Dreams” sculpture by Stephen Lee and Brandon Taylor, price not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Cinda Covell provided additional general information and requested to use additional funds for a stainless steel cutout of artedmond.com to drive visitors to the website and our partner’s websites.

Halee Biggs motioned to approve utilizing unrestricted funds to purchase two additional powder coated cards not to exceed \$1,000.00 and use access funds for the cutout of artedmond.com to be placed on the cards, seconded by Bruce Jackson. David Dobson called for an individual vote.

Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Halee Biggs, David Dobson, Bruce Jackson, Robert Looman, Amy Stephens, and Jesse Warne

Nays: None

8. Discussion and Consideration of utilizing Unrestricted Funds to pay up to three artists a stipend in the amount of \$1,000.00 each for a possible Route 66 mural for the Rodkey Flour Mill.

Cinda Covell provided additional general information and stated EVAC’s Councilmember Representative, Maggie Murdock Nichols stated her approval but wanted to make sure there was a funding source in place before posting a request for artist’s qualifications on this project.

Members seemed to be in agreement with delaying the posting until funding could be identified.

Amy Stephens motioned to approve utilizing unrestricted funds to pay artists a \$1,000.00 stipend each, not to exceed \$3,000.00, seconded by Robert Looman. David Dobson called for an individual vote.

Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Halee Biggs, David Dobson, Bruce Jackson, Robert Looman, Amy Stephens, and Jesse Warne

Nays: None

9. Discussion and Consideration of signage being added to “Masters of Water” sculpture by Brandon Taylor to be located at Fire Station #6.

Cinda Covell provided additional general information.

Members did not express any concerns for the verbiage or adding the information directly to the art piece.

Halee Biggs motioned to approve adding signage and dedication directly to the “Masters of Water” sculpture, seconded by Bruce Jackson.

Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Halee Biggs, David Dobson, Bruce Jackson, Robert Looman, Amy Stephens, and Jesse Warne

Nays: None

10. Discussion and Consideration of partnering with Beacon Homes for the purchase of “Scissortail Dance” an aluminum sculpture by Rob Lorensen for a total purchase price of \$40,000 delivered and installed, with EVAC partnering for half. Location to be at entryway of Danforth Crossing.

Cinda Covell provided additional general information.

Nicolas Cornu, Beacon Homes representative was available to answer questions.

Robert Looman motioned to approve partnering for the purchase of “Scissortail Dance” by Rob Lorensen, seconded by Jesse Warne. David Dobson called for an individual vote.

Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Halee Biggs, David Dobson, Bruce Jackson, Robert Looman, Amy Stephens, and Jesse Warne

Nays: None

11. Project Updates: waxing/refurbishing, delivery, installation, and signage, and dedications

Cinda Covell provided additional general information.

12. Activity and Update Reports: Fine Arts Institute, History Museum, Staff, UCO CFAD, Visit Edmond, and other public art events.

Amy Stephens provided an update of activities for the Edmon History Museum.

Devyn Dlugokinski provided an update of activities for Visit Edmond.

Jesse Warne provided an update of activities for the UCO College of Fine Arts and Designs.

Robert Looman provided information about Moccasins Across America Event planned for July 9th, and stated Zonly and Studio Z _____

13. Citizens Comments

None.

14. Comments from the Visual Arts Commission Chair and Members.

None.

15. Adjournment

David Dobson adjourned the meeting at 5:14pm.

Cinda Covell, Staff Liaison

Louise Cleary Cannon, EVAC Chairperson