

Regular Meeting Minutes
Edmond Visual Art Commission Meeting
Tuesday, September 16, 2025
4:00 pm

City Hall, Main Street Conference Room A-22 E Main Street, Edmond, Oklahoma

The agenda for this meeting was posted in the City First Administration Building on September 12, 2025, at 7:56 AM.

EVAC Members Present: Halee Biggs, Louise Cleary Cannon, Bruce Jackson, Michele Koopman, and Maggie Murdock Nichols

Members Absent: David Dobson, Robert Looman, Amy Stephens, and Jesse Warne

Staff Present: Cinda Covell, Ryan Day, and Devyn Dlugokinski

Guests Present: Gerry Cannon, Krista Jones, Melissa Pepper, Randel Shadid, and Derel Shrock

1. Meeting called to order

Louise Cleary Cannon called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. Introduction of visitors

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2025

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

Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Halee Biggs, Louise Cleary Cannon, Bruce Jackson, Michele Koopman, and Maggie Murdock Nichols

Nays: None

4. Approval of Financials through August 2025

Cinda Covell provided the following information: Currently we have \$70,886.93 in partner matching funds; If the item on this agenda is approved the total matching fund balance will be \$53,386.93. The unrestricted fund balance is \$3,068.50; Maintenance Reserves are unchanged with a balance of \$83,226.10. “Stand” by Jane DeDecker has a Reserve of \$24,300.00 and could have more donations coming in by the end of the year.

Michele Koopman motioned to approve the financials as submitted, seconded by Maggie Murdock Nichols.

Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Halee Biggs, Louise Cleary Cannon, Bruce Jackson, Michele Koopman, and Maggie Murdock Nichols

Nays: None

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

Included in the packet.

6. Discussion and Consideration of partnering with Joe & Elizabeth Waner, Craig Stinson & Krista Jones, Larry & Leah Westmoreland, Frank & Sandra Naifeh, Claudia Altshuler, and Randel & Dana Shadid for the purchase of “Compassion” a bronze on a steel base by Susan Stamm Evans for a total purchase price of \$35,000.00 with EVAC partnering for half. Location TBD in the Uncommon Ground Sculpture Park.

Cinda Covell explained that the bronze will sit on a concrete base, as noted in the application. The steel base was meant for indoor use and should have been updated on the agenda.

Randel Shadid, and Krista Jones provided additional general information.

Halee Biggs motioned to approve partnering for the purchase of “Compassion” by Susan Stamm Evans, seconded by Michele Koopman. Louise Cleary Cannon called for an individual vote.

Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Halee Biggs, Louise Cleary Cannon, Bruce Jackson, Michele Koopman, and Maggie Murdock Nichols

Nays: None

7. Discussion and Consideration of the Visual Arts Commission meeting dates and time.

Bruce Jackson motioned to approve the schedule as submitted for the third Tuesday of each month at 4pm., seconded by Halee Biggs.

Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Halee Biggs, Louise Cleary Cannon, Bruce Jackson, Michele Koopman, and Maggie Murdock Nichols

Nays: None

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

Cinda Covell provided additional general information.

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

Louise Cleary Cannon provided an update of activities for the Fine Arts Institute.

Devyn Dlugokinski provided an update of activities for Visit Edmond and Tourism.

Melissa Pepper provided an update of activities for the Uncommon Ground Sculpture Park.

10. Citizens Comments

None.

11. **Comments from the Visual Arts Commission Chair and Members.**

12. **Adjournment**

Michele Koopman motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Maggie Murdock Nichols.

Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Halee Biggs, Louise Cleary Cannon, Bruce Jackson, Michele Koopman, and Maggie Murdock Nichols

Nays: None

Louise Cleary Cannon adjourned the meeting at 4:24 pm.

Cinda Covell, Staff Liaison

Louise Cleary Cannon, EVAC Chairperson