

**CITY OF FORT PIERCE**  
**ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY BOARD**

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, October 28, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

City Hall - William D. Dannahower Conference Room, Second Floor, 100 North U.S. #1,  
Fort Pierce, Florida

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the May 27, 2025, Arts and Culture Advisory Board Meeting
- b. Approval of the Minutes from the May 30, 2025, Arts and Culture Advisory Board Special Meeting
- c. Approval of the Minutes from the July 22, 2025, Arts and Culture Advisory Board Meeting
- d. Approval of the Minutes from the September 23, 2025, Arts and Culture Advisory Board Meeting

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Request for Highwaymen Rodney Demps Gravesite Mosaic
- b. Discussion of the Tour
- c. Bench Restoration discussion

6. **BOARD AND STAFF DISCUSSION**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**Arts and Culture Advisory Board - 9:00 AM**

**4. a.**

**Meeting Date:** 10/28/2025

**Re:**

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**SUBJECT:**

Approval of the Minutes from the May 27, 2025, Arts and Culture Advisory Board Meeting

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**Attachments**

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**Form Review**

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, 100 NORTH U.S. #1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AT 9:00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson, Julie Pouliotte, called the May 27, 2025, Arts & Culture Advisory Board meeting to order at 9:07 A.M.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Julie Pouliotte, Chairwoman; Doretha Hair Truesdell, Vice-Chair; Ipyana Abayomi; Lisa Kessler; Emily Fingerhut

Absent: Nicola Angelos; Ginetta Bernard

Staff Present: Audria Moore, Special Projects Coordinator; Brittany Meredith, Deputy City Clerk

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Maddie Williams, Executive Director of the Cultural Alliance of St. Lucie County

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the February 25, 2025 Arts and Culture Advisory Board Meeting

Motion by Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell, seconded by Lisa Kessler to approve the Minutes from the February 25, 2025, Meeting

AYE: Emily Fingerhut, Ipyana Abayomi, Lisa Kessler, Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte, Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell

- b. Approval of the Minutes from the April 29, 2025 Arts and Culture Advisory Board Special Meeting

Motion by Lisa Kessler, seconded by Ipyana Abayomi to approve the Minutes from the April 29, 2025, Meeting

AYE: Emily Fingerhut, Ipyana Abayomi, Lisa Kessler, Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte, Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion with Highwaymen Museum Mosaic Benches Artist

Mosaic Bench Artist, Anneta, mentioned there will be four benches with eight images in total needed. She gave the committee a few ideas to choose from for the images. She needs the images by mid-June for the benches to be complete by the third or fourth week of July. The City will need to be able to coordinate with Public Works to pick up the benches and would need a truck with a back lift.

The Committee decided to hold a Special Meeting to choose the images needed for the benches. It will be May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 A.M.

Motion by Ipyana Abayomi, seconded by Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell to choose eight images for the mosaic benches at a Special meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 A.M.

AYE: Emily Fingerhut, Ipyana Abayomi, Lisa Kessler, Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte, Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell

- b. City Hall Statue

Motion by Lisa Kessler, seconded by Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell to table this discussion until the next regular meeting.

AYE: Emily Fingerhut, Ipyana Abayomi, Lisa Kessler, Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte, Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell

This item was tabled to be discussed at the next regular meeting.

- c. FPRA Mural Program

Ms. Audria Moore let the committee know the program has been launched.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Highwaymen Museum Mural Artist Recommendation - Update on the findings of references contacted for the top five artists.

The Committee discussed references for the Highwaymen Museum artist.

Motion by Lisa Kessler, seconded by Ipyana Abayomi to recommend the Street Art Revolution Collective as the artist for the Highwaymen Museum mural.

AYE: Emily Fingerhut, Ipyana Abayomi, Lisa Kessler, Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte, Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell

**7. BOARD AND STAFF DISCUSSION**

Ms. Moore let the committee know that the Post Report for the Art in Public Places funds should be submitted within thirty days of the event.

Motion by Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell, seconded by Lisa Kessler to approve the Post Report to be submitted within thirty days of the event.

AYE: Emily Fingerhut, Ipyana Abayomi, Lisa Kessler, Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte, Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson, Julie Pouliotte, adjourned the meeting at 10:24 A.M.

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**Arts and Culture Advisory Board - 9:00 AM**

**4. b.**

**Meeting Date:** 10/28/2025

**Re:**

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**SUBJECT:**

Approval of the Minutes from the May 30, 2025, Arts and Culture Advisory Board Special Meeting

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**Form Review**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson, Julie Pouliotte, called the May 30, 2025, Arts & Culture Advisory Board meeting to order at 10:09 AM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Julie Pouliotte, Chairwoman; Doretha Hair Truesdell, Vice-Chair; Ipyana Abayomi; Lisa Kessler; Emily Fingerhut

Absent: Nicola Angelos; Ginetta Bernard

Staff Present: Audria Moore, Special Projects Coordinator; Brittany Meredith, Deputy City Clerk

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None

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion of the images for the mosaic benches at the Highwaymen Museum

The Committee reviewed the images for the benches and chose eight images.

Motion by Emily Fingerhut, seconded by Ipyana Abayomi to choose images number 6, 27, 19, 2, 31, 11, 9, and 30.

AYE: Emily Fingerhut, Ipyana Abayomi, Lisa Kessler, Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte, Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell

**5. BOARD AND STAFF DISCUSSION**

Ms. Moore let the committee know a request came in from TC Barbers United for \$2,000 for a Paint & Sip event for the Juneteenth celebration. The committee denied the request.

Motion by Emily Fingerhut, seconded by Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell to deny the request for funds from TC Barbers United.

AYE: Emily Fingerhut, Ipyana Abayomi, Lisa Kessler, Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte, Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson, Julie Pouliotte, adjourned the meeting at 11:20 A.M.

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**Arts and Culture Advisory Board - 9:00 AM**

**4. c.**

**Meeting Date:** 10/28/2025

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**SUBJECT:**

Approval of the Minutes from the July 22, 2025, Arts and Culture Advisory Board Meeting

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson, Julie Pouliotte, called the July 22, 2025, Arts & Culture Advisory Board meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Julie Pouliotte, Chairwoman; Doretha Hair Truesdell, Vice-Chair; Ipyana Abayomi; Lisa Kessler; Emily Fingerhut

Absent: Nicola Angelos; Ginetta Bernard

Staff Present: Audria Moore, Special Projects Coordinator; Brittany Meredith, Deputy City Clerk

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**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Request for Highwaymen AI Black Gravesite Mosaic

The Committee discussed the request for the grave site mosaic for AI Black. It will cost \$5,000 to do and will be installed after hurricane season.

Motion by Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell, seconded by Ipyana Abayomi to approve the request for the grave site mosaic costing approximately \$5,000 and the funds to come from the Art in Public Places fund.

AYE: Emily Fingerhut, Ipyana Abayomi, Lisa Kessler, Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte, Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell

- b. Zora Festival Report

The committee discussed the report.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Relocation of City Hall Sculpture**

Special Projects Coordinator, Audria Moore, proposed the new location for the Bird and Snake sculpture, which is currently in front of City Hall, to be moved to Savannah Road at the Indian Hills Trail. The committee would like to put a call-out to the residents of the City for ideas to replace the sculpture in front of City Hall.

Motion by Lisa Kessler, seconded by Ipyana Abayomi to move the sculpture to the Indian Hills Trail and to put out the call for a new sculpture to replace it.

AYE: Emily Fingerhut, Ipyana Abayomi, Lisa Kessler, Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte, Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell

### **b. Art and Culture Master Plan**

The committee discussed the 10-year plan and would like a professional to assist them with creating it. They are going to bring ideas to the next meeting for a 1-year plan. They would like to hold a special meeting inviting the public to give them ideas for their 10-year plan.

## **7. BOARD AND STAFF DISCUSSION**

### **a. Appointee Commissioner Updates**

Ms. Pouliotte asked the committee to speak with their commissioners that appointed them to get their thoughts and ideas for the committee to discuss.

### **b. August Meeting**

Julie let the committee know she will not be in attendance at the August meeting. The committee agreed for the August meeting to be an orientation meeting.

### **c. Highwaymen Museum Mural and Mosaic Benches**

The committee reviewed the finished benches and Ms. Moore let them know they were being picked up tomorrow.

### **d. Art in Public Places Trust Fund**

The committee discussed the trust fund transactions and how much is available in the fund for projects.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson, Julie Pouliotte, adjourned the meeting at 10:41 A.M.

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**Arts and Culture Advisory Board - 9:00 AM**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Special Projects Coordinator, Audria Moore, called the September 23, 2025, Arts & Culture Advisory Board meeting to order at 9:03 AM.  
Ms. Moore let the Committee know Ms. Julie Pouliotte has resigned from the board.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Doretha Hair Truesdell, Vice Chairperson; Ipyana Abayomi; Lisa Kessler, Chairperson; Ginetta Bernard; Emily Fingerhut

Absent: Nicola Angelos

Staff Present: Audria Moore, Special Projects Coordinator; Brittany Meredith, Deputy City Clerk

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The Board did not approve the minutes at this time. They will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Elect Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

The Committee chose Lisa Kessler as the Chairperson and Doretha Hair Truesdell as the Vice Chairperson.

- b. Request for Highwaymen Mary Ann Carroll Gravesite Mosaic

The Board discussed and approved the request.

Motion by Vice Chairperson Doretha Hair Truesdell, seconded by Ipyana Abayomi to approve the request for the Highwaymen Mary Ann Carroll Gravesite Mosaic.

AYE: Emily Fingerhut, Ginetta Bernard, Ipyana Abayomi, Chairperson Lisa Kessler, Vice Chairperson Doretha Hair Truesdell

- c. Mosaic Bench Restoration

The Board discussed and once they receive an invoice for the bench restoration, they will discuss the options.

- d. Board Orientation

The Board reviewed the Sunshine and Public Record Laws. They also reviewed the Art in Public Places fund. They were tasked with coming up with future projects for this fund.

## **6. BOARD AND STAFF DISCUSSION**

The Board discussed moving the meeting time to 10 A.M.

Motion by Emily Fingerhut, seconded by Vice Chairperson Doretha Hair Truesdell to move the start time of the meeting to 10 A.M.

AYE: Emily Fingerhut, Ginetta Bernard, Ipyana Abayomi, Chairperson Lisa Kessler, Vice Chairperson Doretha Hair Truesdell

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson, Lisa Kessler adjourned the meeting at 10:16 A.M.

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**Arts and Culture Advisory Board - 9:00 AM**

**5. a.**

**Meeting Date:** 10/28/2025

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**SUBJECT:**

Request for Highwaymen Rodney Demps Gravesite Mosaic

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**Attachments**

Image for grave topper

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