

Arts & Beautification Commission

Meeting Minutes

City of Huber Heights

June 30, 2026

- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - a. Sarah Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:38pm
- II. Roll Call
 - a. All Present
- III. Opening Remarks by the Chair
 - a. Chair thanked members for accommodating the schedule change
 - b. Recognition of Parks Manager for Star Spangled Heights Promotion
- IV. Citizens' Comment
 - a. none
- V. Old Business
 - a. Address Distribution for Yard Awards:
 - i. Members received a list of nominated addresses and were encouraged to tour the community prior to the July meeting.
 - ii. Members were informed they would silently vote at the next meeting and discuss any tie breakers needed.
- VI. New Business
 - a. "Shark Tank" program/project pitch session was conducted
 - i. Proposals included:
 - ii. Community Holiday Display Program – A sponsor-funded public art display (similar to Steubenville's Nutcracker Village) featuring themed sculptures decorated by local businesses and organizations. – Pitch By: Member, Joe Nocera
 - iii. Marigold Art Planters – Artist-designed decorative planters sponsored by businesses to celebrate Huber Heights' city flower and encourage beautification. –Pitch By: Chair, Sarah Chapman
 - iv. "Chicken Crawl" Public Art Trail – Decorated chicken cut-outs placed throughout the community, possibly paired with a map or passport program highlighting local businesses. Pitch By: Parks Manager, Sarah Forsythe
 - v. Decorative Bike Racks – Artist-designed bicycle racks installed at parks and other public destinations to combine public art with transportation amenities. Pitch By: Member, Mason Knickerbocker
 - vi. Garden Tour – A self-guided tour of award-winning residential gardens featuring participating homeowners. Pitch By: Member, Mason Knickerbocker

- vii. Library Art Show Expansion – Discussion of partnering with the library to extend the annual art show through a longer public exhibit and explore future collaborations. Pitch By: Member, Wendy Knapp
- viii. Yard Helper Program – Discussion of helping community members in need get connected to businesses and volunteers to help beautify yards. Pitch By: Member, Sade Hedgcorth
- ix. Youth Art Fund – Discussion of exploring a revenue stream to fund a “close the gap” fund to assist youth purchase instruments, go on art related trips, etc. Possible fundraising ideas could be a talent show or a community theatre show. Ticket sales and sponsors could provide revenues to fund the scholarship-type program. Pitch By: Member, Sade Hedgcorth
- x. General Discussion Items also Included:
 - 1. Members observed a common theme among many proposals: creating unique community traditions, encouraging beautification, increasing public art, and attracting visitors.
 - 2. Several members suggested developing a multi-year implementation plan so larger projects could be phased in over time rather than selecting only one initiative.
 - 3. The Art show discussion included brainstorming on a combination Art/Jazz offering to augment or grow the event into a festival type event.
 - 4. The Commission expressed support for continuing the Yard Beautification Awards and Annual Art Show in future years.

VII. Additional Business and Announcements

- a. Members were encouraged to volunteer for star spangled heights
- b. A reminder about time capsule proposals was provided and details about the longest table event on July 18th.

VIII. Approval of Minutes

- a. May 18, 2026
- b. All in favor-- with changes to Boy Scouts (Scouting of America) naming, and spelling of Wendy Knapp, and Sade Hedgcorth

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- a. July 20, 2026 – Meeting will include visit from ODNR

X. Adjournment

- a. Chair, Sarah Chapman adjourned at approx. 8:16pm