

Arts and Beautification Commission

Work Session Minutes

City of Huber Heights

August 17, 2026

I. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Sarah Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

II. Roll Call

Present: Cheryl Brandenburg, Wendy Knapp, Sarah Chapman, Greg Fox, Melissa Gwinn, and Mason Knickerbocker.

Absent: Joe Nocera and Sade Hedgcorth.

Staff Present: Sarah Forsythe, City of Huber Heights Parks and Recreation.

III. Opening Remarks by The Chairperson

Sarah Chapman announced that at the next meeting they will have one additional member joining, making the commission officially full for one of the first times. She thanked each member for what they have done and continue to do.

IV. Citizen's Comments

None.

V. Old Business

a. Yard Beautification

All yard beatification winners' signs were successfully passed out by champion Cheryl Brandenburg.

b. 2027 Program Lineup

Commission members Cheryl and Mason briefly discuss spreading awareness for bradford pear tree removals such as editing flyers, liking the “coming soon” sign idea with QR codes, and a kickoff an event. A motion was carried to make Mason Knickerbocker the point of contact for the bradford pear removal project. Melissa Gwinn and Wendy Knapp agree to co-champion the 2027 Art Show. It was discussed that the next step for the Art Show is to discuss the availability of the Senior Center with Parks and Recreation Team and the rest of the coordination will follow. The Commission also mentioned looking forward to hearing from member Joe Nocera on his Gingerbread Project in the near future.

VI. **New Business**

Mason Knickerbocker prompted a question about budgeting for the 2027 programs. Sarah Forsythe assured that the biggest change in the budget will be the Gingerbread project, which will be accounted for in the new budget that will come out closer to October.

VII. **Additional Business and Announcements**

Sarah Chapman mentions the upcoming Artini event on August 27th for members to join. Sarah Forsythe also mentions that staff member Molly Gross is looking for volunteers for the upcoming paper shredding event on Saturday, August 22nd.

VIII. **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes were approved, with one note of re-wording.

IX. **Upcoming Meetings**

The next meeting will be held on September 21st at 6:30 pm.

X. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:53 pm.