

LEWISTON PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE
Monday, February 09, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Lewiston City Hall, First Floor Administrative Conference Room
Meeting Minutes - Approved

Committee members in attendance: Deanna Ehrhardt, Chairperson; Darby Ray; Courtney Schlachter; Gerald Walsh; James Lysen; and Scott Harriman, Council Liaison.

Committee members absent: None

Others present: Kathryn Ruth, Community Development Manager

- 1) Call Meeting to Order:
Chairperson Ehrhardt called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- 2) Approve Meeting Minutes for January 05, 2026:
Mr. Lysen moved and Ms. Darby seconded the motion to approve the committee meeting minutes of January 05, 2026 with one addition to note that: Ms. Schlachter advised that due to the paint coming off the sidewalk so quickly and the concern about whether there is a slipping hazard, that she is interested in moving the Sidewalk Art to another location. Ideas were a parking lot or a nearby building with an interested owner.
All voted in favor. The motion passed (6-0).
- 3) Available Budget Funding as of February 09, 2026:
Ms. Ruth noted that the budget was on schedule with all funds encumbered with the exception of the funds that were returned from the last budget of \$7,701 and the funds that will not be utilized in the current budget of \$17,298, all from the bridge lighting project totaling \$24,999.
- 4) Update on projects approved by the City Council and projected timelines for completion:
 - a) Welcome Immigrants Mural: With the project being moved to Spring, there has been more time for the design work. The first draft was received from the artist; there will be a few weeks to one month to review; and then it will be finalized. The project will be ready to go in mid-late April 2026. The Building owner is very enthused. L/A Arts will be requesting payment of the \$10,000 contribution toward the \$29,000 project. L/A Arts has already paid for one-half of the artist's fee. An agreement will be needed for the project.
 - b) Window Wrap Part #2: There has been a hiccup with the Auburn Transit Committee due to funding. It appears that the Lewiston side of the projects will move forward. This project will roll out in early to late Summer. L/A Arts will be requesting a payment of \$7,500 as there have been expenses and the project is coming right up. It was discussed that the current City and L/A Arts agreement for the Window Wrap projects can be amended to address Part #2.
 - c) Sidewalk Art Murals Revised: Ms. Schlachter had advised at the last meeting that due to the paint coming off the sidewalks so quickly and the concern with whether there is a slipping hazard, that she is interested in moving the Sidewalk Art. The project is expected to be in the general area of where the sidewalk murals have been. The back of two buildings will be reviewed as well as the alleyway. This would be a good location as it is not in direct

sunlight in the alleyway. Power washing would be needed if the owner decided to sell in the future. Ms. Schlachter will measure the area. The sidewalk simply cannot be used anymore as the paint wore off quickly likely due to the salt. Spray paint would be used with a clear spray for a cover in the new location.

- d) Community Projects and Support: The Committee members discussed projects that would fit under this category coming up such as the Tree Street Annual Juneteenth event; possible event with the Children's Library; refresh the Zebra in Spring and other similar events/activities. Members thought it would be important to sponsor an event or provide funds for an event at the Art Walk in June 2026. For example, small murals could be created or 3 D murals. Ms. Ray will follow up with Tree Street. Mr. Walsh will check with Shelly Withers for the Zebra project to see about rental for equipment and whether the paint colors are still viable to be used as it has been a few years. Costs can be determined for this project.
- 5) Discussion about how to proceed regarding reallocation of funding as a project did not go forward during the FY26 Budget period (\$24,999):
 - a) Information markers for the sculptures are still stalled as Public Works cannot get the quotation needed for the cost of design work. Ms. Ruth noted that she will assist Public Works. We need the design and any other costs to be included in the quotations so that the Purchasing Policy will be followed and we can formalize this project in order for it to be completed
 - b) Mr. Walsh noted that the Lewiston Farmers Market project has been stalled due to the fundraising that is needed along with their other work. He inquired of the members if they would be interested in having the project come back to the Committee for additional funding which would reflect the original cost proposed for the project. The Committee was very interested in revisiting this project noting that it is a great project for the City and members would like to see it move forward. Mr. Walsh noted that if the Farmers' Market could be allocated \$4,000 more, the project could be fully implemented. He will obtain background material for the Committee's review at the next meeting for formalization of this project.
- 6) Update on the Committee's FY27 Budget Submittal for the period of July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027:

Ms. Ruth advised that the budget with all of the applications were submitted as the Committee discussed. She provided full background on the projects that had been chosen which were the applications originally submitted. She was advised by the Department Director that it was fine. The budget workshop presentation will be on March 17, 2026. She will advise of the time when she finds out.
- 7) Other business, if any, to come before the Committee – None, as items were discussed above.
- 8) Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on March 09, 2026, at 6:00 pm at City Hall in the First Floor Administrative Conference Room (2nd Monday of the month):
- 9) Motion to adjourn:

Mr. Lysen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Ray. All voted in favor. The motion passed (6–0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Minutes submitted by:
Kathryn Ruth, Secretary Pro-Tem