



COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

The South Burlington PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE held a meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 5:30PM at 180 Market Street in Room 301, and by remote participation.

Members present: Sebastian Ryder (Chair), Isaac Cates (Vice-Chair, via remote), Bryce Myers, Thomas Lindley, Amanda Holland (via remote), Sophia Babbitt (via remote), Ilona Blanchard (staff, non-voting), Tim Barritt (city council representative, non-voting)

Members absent: Penne Tompkins, Mark Behr, Karen Liamos

1. The meeting was convened at 5:45 PM by Sebastian.
 - a. Ilona reviewed the emergency procedures.
 - b. Amanda Holland was identified as the minute taker for the meeting.
 - c. Agenda was reviewed and no changes were made.
2. No public comments were made on items not on the agenda.
3. Review and approval of the draft minutes from the July 21, 2026 meeting was postponed to the August meeting.
4. Updates.
 - a. Chair report: None
 - b. Staff report:
 - i. Provided "How to" navigate to Committee Agenda/Minutes on the City's webpage.
 - ii. Highlighted a City employee, Scott (Jake) Jacobs, has his works on display on the 3rd Floor of City Hall. Jake works in the Public Works Department, and this is his first public show as a new artist.
 - iii. Upcoming events
 1. Upward Mobility Project learning event for small businesses
 2. SBC3 Annual Meeting on Aug. 27th from 5-7 PM
 - c. Council Report: Pencils sculpture, outside City Hall, temporarily removed for maintenance (fresh coat of paint).
5. Presentation of European Public Art by Isaac Cates. Isaac shared examples of public art he encountered on a recent trip to countries along the Baltic Sea with stops in Freiburg (Germany), Basel (Switzerland), Riga (Latvia), Tallinn (Estonia), Helsinki

(Finland). The art, primarily sculptures, represented themes of political, religious, and memorial art. Limited information about the artwork was given on-site beyond the title of the piece; learned the artwork's story from the internet.

6. Green Community Festival – Public Art Committee support.
 - a. Working Group (Isaac, Penne, Amanda) has not met since last Committee meeting. City Staff, Bettina, will coordinate with the WG, a School representative (Alison Treston, Middle School Art Teacher), and SBC3 (Sophia).
 - b. Committee preference for the public art project to create art from plastic bottles (flower sculpture) over bottle caps (mosaic) based on logistics and ease of execution day of.
 - c. Next step is for WG to meet and identify materials needed, pattern to follow, etc. Sophia will contact Alison to confirm her role. Thomas could obtain recycling “supplies” from UVM.
7. Annual Report FY2026 (due in October) – Bryce Myers volunteered to update the annual report for review by the Committee at the September meeting.
8. Other Business – Discussion
 - a. Opportunities to engage community members interested in the Committee's work. Start by simply connecting with residents that attended prior meetings and those who've expressed an interest in serving on the Committee.
 - b. Opportunities to partner with library to host book author events. Suggestion of Ethan Tapper, County Forester who is an engaging public speaker and local presence on social media.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM. The next regular meeting will be at 5:30 PM on September 15, 2026.

Respectfully Summited,

Amanda Holland