



SOUTH BURLINGTON PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, September 15, 2026

The South Burlington PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE held a special meeting on Tuesday, September 115, 2026, at 5:30PM at 180 Market Street in Room 301, and by remote participation.

Members Present: Sebastian Ryder (Chair), Amanda Holland, Sophia Babbitt, Isaac Cates, Karen Lamos, Thomas Lindley, Penne Tompkins, Mark Behr, Bryce Myers, Ilona Blanchard (Staff Liaison, non-voting), Tim Barritt (City Council Liaison, non-voting)

Members Not Present: Michele Bailey (Vermont Art Council, non-voting)

Also in Attendance: Maedeh Asgharpur (Gallery Curator)

1. The meeting was convened at 5:35 PM by Sebastian.
 - a. All attendees were in-person except Sophia.
 - b. Sophia was identified as the minute taker for the meeting.
2. Minutes from July 21 and August 18 were reviewed and approved unanimously.
3. Opportunity for Public comment on items not on other agenda - no public were present.
4. Public Art and Sculpture Installation
 - a. The sculpture at Veterans Memorial Park will face the Vermont National Country Club and be visible from the south and the recreation path.
 - b. Signage will be simple and consistent with the park's signage system.
 - c. Installation is expected within six weeks.
 - d. A dedication event is tentatively planned for late October (10/15 or 11/5), with efforts to find a date when most members can attend.
5. South Burlington Public Art Gallery
 - a. Opening:
 - i. The opening is scheduled for September 24, with setup starting at 4:30 PM and the event running from 5:00 to 6:30 PM.
 - ii. Volunteers are needed for setup and cleanup; one or two people at the start and end of the event are sufficient.
 - iii. Posters and postcards for the event have been distributed and will be shared on social media and local bulletin boards.

- b. Event Publicity and Social Media
 - i. A Facebook event has been created; Instagram promotion is planned but requires coordination with communications staff.
 - ii. Twitter presence is not yet established but may be developed with new marketing interns.
- 6. Green Community Festival
 - a. Materials and Crafting for Events
 - i. Discussion on using recycled plastic bottles for art projects, including preparation methods like drilling holes and painting.
 - ii. Safety concerns were raised about using glue guns and cutting bottles, with suggestions for supervision and proper tools.
 - iii. Supplies such as glue guns, sticks, pipe cleaners, and scissors are being gathered and coordinated.
 - iv. Bottles should be soft plastic, like seltzer bottles, preferably with caps to aid in crafting.
 - b. Committee and Volunteer Coordination
 - i. Volunteer sign-up forms have been sent out; members are encouraged to commit to shifts for setup and cleanup.
 - ii. Coordination for bottle collection and drop-off is organized through personal networks and a central drop-off at a member's house.
 - iii. The group plans to finalize volunteer schedules and logistics before the event.
- 7. Annual Report FY 2026
 - a. The annual report for fiscal year 2026 was reviewed with some comments; an amended version will be prepared for voting in October.
 - b. The committee discussed the wording for the acceptance of the sculpture donation, emphasizing clarity and proper attribution to the donor.
- 8. Other Business
 - a. Brief mention of civil ordinances related to public behavior and safety.
- 9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm. The next meeting will be at 5:30 PM Tuesday October 20, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,

Sophia Babbitt