

CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE
ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY HALL 10 EAST CENTER STREET, NORTH SALT LAKE
FEBRUARY 23, 2026

FINAL

PRESENT: Rachel Chase, Chair
Tori Beck
Heather Hendrix, Vice Chair
Jean Montanaro
Camille Thorpe
Heidi Smoot, City Council

STAFF PRESENT: Sherrie Pace, Community Development Director.

OTHERS PRESENT: Stan Porter, resident.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Rachel Chase, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Camille Thorpe introduced Stan Porter who had served on the City Council for six terms and also on the Planning Commission for a total of 30 years of service.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

3. HISTORY PRESENTATION-STAN PORTER

Stan Porter provided a history presentation for the area with a focus on the arts including the Valley Music Hall, the Veteran's Memorial Amphitheater design at the current City Hall, past and current City Hall buildings, properties around City Hall, trolley, Bird Park, Hatch Park (previous pickle factory), Bamberger railway, stock yards/packing plant, Warm Springs, Cleverly Crossing train stop, and Porter's Landing. He shared photographs of what the area used to look like with the Orchard Shopping Center, Orchard Drug, and Orchard Bowl and previous efforts to change the city name to Orchard City. He commented that he was happy to share photographs with those interested. There was a discussion about creating a history story map or website.

Camille Thorpe said potential future plans for the Veteran's Memorial Amphitheater could include a plaque, mural or other art installations.

Rachel Chase was excused at 7:26 p.m.

4. PROGRESS REPORT-NSL READS EVENTS (CAMILLE)

Camille Thorpe reported on the NSL Reads event on March 5th and invited those interested to volunteer. She added that the event started at 6:30 p.m. with volunteers to arrive at 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. She spoke on the America250 tie in which was the "Three by Three" contest. She noted that this contest included reading three patriotic themed books by July 3rd with prizes for those who completed the contest.

5. DISCUSSION-ARTISAN MARKET/VENDOR FAIR (JEAN)

Jean Montanaro reported on a proposal for an artisan market/vendor fair. She spoke on her experience hosting these events and the goal of these events to create a culture or support for artists. She added that this could be part of the Food Truck Night.

Sherrie Pace commented on the vendor fair which was held during the Unity in the Community events. She shared the dates for the Unity in the Community events including Pride on June 1st, America250 on June 8th, Juneteenth on June 15th, Back to School on August 10th, A Bolder Way Forward on September 14th, and Latino Heritage on September 21st. She said the vendor fee was \$35 for one event or \$50 for all events. She noted that the Liberty Fun Fair held on June 27th would only require a raffle gift to participate.

Councilmember Smoot mentioned the need for a fire department inspection or adequately anchored booths/tents.

Jean Montanaro commented that the idea would be to host one large artisan market/vendor fair annually. She said it could be combined with one of the aforementioned events and would allow artists to have a booth for a low fee, free booths for kids, and require handmade items. She suggested that this June would be too soon and that this event could be considered for next June.

Councilmember Smoot said Davis Arts hosted Summerfest which was a similar event and included performing arts. She noted that if the City held an artisan market/vendor fair or art festival it would have to be in June to avoid competing with that event. She asked about allowing art vendors at the Unity in the Community events to garner interest.

Sherrie Pace shared that the event could be held at the City Hall amphitheater and then expand to Hatch Park once the remodel was complete. She said if the Committee wanted to hold a stand alone event, separate from the vendor fair during the Unity and the Community events, that it may still be doable this year if it were planned for the fall. She spoke on preparing a proposal for the City Council.

The Committee discussed picking the best weekend for the event (June or September), a discount for local vendors to participate, and a low cost for the City to host.

Sherrie Pace also requested that if the committee members know artisans that may be interested in the existing vendor fair events, they should be forwarded to her or to Angie in her department.

6. REPORT ON ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Sherrie Pace provided a progress report on the idea of creating a 501(c)(3) non-profit for donations for public art. She stated that the City can currently accept donations and gave the example of Big West Oil who had donated towards the fireworks for Liberty Fest and Chevron who has donated towards the purchase of trees for Arbor Day. She noted that the City/Committee did not need a 501(c)(3) to accept tax deductible donations for a public purpose. She explained that donations could be utilized for matching funds towards grant programs. The issue with forming a 501 would be that it would have to have an independent governing board completely separate from the City Council and it does not appear that the City is quite to the point where that is necessary.

Sherrie Pace then provided an update on this year's mural program including reaching out to City businesses using a compiled email list from City business licenses. The email list could be used to find businesses that are interested in having a mural. She said landscaping modifications would need to be made before placement of a mural at the City Hall Veteran's Plaza. Councilmember Smoot requested an estimated cost from Public Works on the landscaping modifications that would be needed for a mural installation.

The Committee discussed art and mural ideas for the Veteran's Plaza including cement, metal or etchings instead of paint, location of sprinklers or waterwise plantings, or turf.

Camille Thorpe offered to research metal cut out art for the Veteran's Amphitheater.

Sherrie Pace noted that she would reach out to the HOA related to a mural on the building across from City Hall. She mentioned follow up items including recital nights at the Eaglewood Golf

Course event center and the proposed art show (with budget approval). She then reviewed the budget process including:

Requests submitted	February
Council work sessions	February-March
Council budget retreat	March
Tentative budget	May
Budget adopted	June 16

Sherrie Pace suggested pursuing the mural at City's Edge as part of this year's program. She spoke on creating cohesion with the existing mural. Camille Thorpe mentioned beautifying Center Street in conjunction with this.

Councilmember Smoot commented on the idea to spearhead the national anthem at the Liberty Fest fireworks show and a submission for artists. Sherrie Pace clarified that the Events Committee would setup the auditions and had requested the Arts Committee help judge the contest.

7. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

- Artisan Market/Vendor Fair
- Mural program
- Recital nights at Eaglewood or City Hall
- Veteran's Memorial Amphitheater
 - Landscaping (Sherrie)
 - Metal art or other (Camille)

8. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

The Arts Committee minutes of January 26, 2026 were reviewed and approved.

Committee Member Hendrix moved to approve the minutes of January 26, 2026 as written. Committee Member Montanaro seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Committee Members Beck, Hendrix, Montanaro, and Thorpe. Committee Member Chase was excused.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

The foregoing was approved by the Arts Committee of the City of North Salt Lake on March 23, 2026 by unanimous vote of all members present.



Rachel Chase, Chair



Wendy Page, City Recorder

