



CITY OF OREM

ADVISORY BOARD/COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

This meeting may be held electronically to allow a board/commission member to participate.

PUBLIC BODY: Cultural Arts Advisory Commission

DATE: 03/17/2026

ROOM: Council Conference Room

TIME: 11:30 AM

ADDRESS: 56 N State St, Orem, UT 84057

Commission Members in Attendance: Stephanie Goodman, Shelby Killpack, David Blackinton, Nathan Christiansen, Scott Swain, Jeremy Hall, Adam Robertson (online - Scera representative)

City Council: Quinn Mecham (online)

City Staff: Pete Wolfley, Melissa Mullins

Excused: Gina Cavallo, La Beene, Mike Ramsey

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. New Member Introductions

- a. Introductions were made by Committee members & City staff.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. A motion was made by Scott Swain to approve the Arts Council Meeting Minutes from 02/17/2026.
- b. Motion seconded by Dave Blackinton
- c. All Committee members voted affirmatively. Voting members include: Stephanie Goodman, Shelby Killpack, David Blackinton, Nathan Christiansen, Scott Swain, Jeremy Hall, Adam Robertson (online - Scera). None opposed. Motion to approve meeting minutes from 02/17/2026 passes.

3. Arts Council Subcommittee Proposal

The proposal today is that each member of the Arts Commission, other than the chair, serve on one of four sub-committees along with two to three additional members of the community. This accomplishes two things:

- The Commission can accomplish more by building in some additional structure to the way the Arts Commission works, e.g. subcommittees
- Allows other interested people in the community to be able to serve

Optimally each subcommittee would have two members of the Arts Commission serve on one of the four sub-committees along with two to three additional members of the community. One Commission member would serve as chair of the sub-committee; the other as vice-chair. Subcommittees will meet individually on a monthly basis or as needed. They will report directly to the Cultural Arts Committee. As there are four subcommittees, each subcommittee would take 10-15 minutes every three months to provide a report to the main Committee to discuss progress, budget requests, etc.

Subcommittees Proposed:

- a. Performances and Events – Catalog and promote cultural arts events in Orem and assist in choosing performers and participants for city -sponsored events.
- b. Public Art - Map potential locations for public art in the city and advise on the mix of media, financing, and contributing artists for public art installations e.g. Utility box wrapping.
- c. Art City Best Practices - Research successful comparable cities known for building successful arts cultures and advise on what ideas and practices Orem can borrow to better promote the cultural arts
- d. Arts Master Plan - Lead out on drafting an Arts master plan from Orem for 2026-2040 including strategic initiatives, investments, and integration of best practices and the local arts community.

Adam from Scera invited Committee members to reserve meeting rooms at the Scera for subcommittee meetings.

Motion to approve the subcommittee proposal by Adam Robertson.

Motion seconded by Nathan Christiansen.

All Committee members voted affirmatively. Voting members include:

Stephanie Goodman, Shelby Killpack, David Blackinton, Nathan Christiansen, Scott Swain, Jeremy Hall, Adam Robertson (online - Scera). None opposed.

Motion to approve subcommittee proposal passes.

Action Item: Pete will send an email to all Commission members requesting their top 3 subcommittee choices with preferred order of priority. Pete, Stephanie, and Quinn will then meet to decide Commission member subcommittee assignments. They will also discuss interested citizens and potential assignments prior to the next Arts Council Meeting on 4/21/2026 with priority given to the Performances and Events subcommittee as Orem Fest, Orem's Birthday Party and the Summer Concert series is Fast-approaching.

4. World Folkfest Planning

World Folkfest is a folk dance celebration that's been held in Springville for 40 years. Folkfest would like to expand and work with other communities. Orem has collaborated with them in the past, but this year they want to "go bigger". The details for the main event are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Time: 5:00–9:00 PM

Location: Orem City Center Park, Ashton Auditorium, Rotary Pavilion

There was discussion surrounding the purchasing of tents, potential changes that could be made to the stage, shuttles to aid in parking concerns and the transport of large crowds, utilizing the Senior Center to support the dancers, and working with the Farmer's Market to provide meals or vouchers for the dancers although the feasibility of this is a concern as the vendors at the Farmer's Market are independent contractors.

Promotion of the event was discussed, e.g. hanging flags from the stage or hanging flags on the posts going down Center St and collaborating with University Mall.

Folkfest has not provided a budget yet. There are funds available in the Arts Council budget that can be used for this purpose if the Committee votes to do so. Folkfest has also applied for a CARE grant, but there hasn't been a decision on the grant yet and it's unknown if the grant will meet all their needs.

Motion to adopt the proposal as presented by Stephanie Goodman.

Motion seconded by Scott Swain.

All Committee members voted affirmatively. Voting members include:

Stephanie Goodman, Shelby Killpack, David Blackinton, Nathan Christiansen, Scott Swain, Jeremy Hall, None opposed.

Motion to adopt the proposal passes.

5. Orem Fest Entertainment Selection Group

Pete has collected all the applications for performers at Orem Fest and he has the schedule of performance times. Orem Fest dates are June 8th - 13th with the Committee's focus specifically on filling time slots for Thursday June 11th, Friday June 12th, and Saturday June 13th. There's approximately 80 applications that need to be reviewed and this responsibility will fall under the purview of the "Performances and Events" subcommittee.

Arts Council Members (if interested) are invited to participate as MC's during the event. Proposed job duties would include: interacting with the bands/groups, announcing them when they come on stage, letting people know what Orem has going on as far as arts in the City, and acting as the liaison to run that little part of Orem Fest.

6. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Scott Swain.

Motion seconded by Nathan Christiansen.

All Committee members voted affirmatively. Voting members include:

Stephanie Goodman, Shelby Killpack, David Blackinton, Nathan Christiansen, Scott Swain, Jeremy Hall, Adam Robertson (online - Scera). None opposed.

Motion to adjourn passes.

Next meeting scheduled for April 21, 2026 at 11:30 am.

Minutes approved at Arts Council Meeting 04/21/2026

APPROVED