



## MINUTES

Ogden City Arts Advisory Committee

### Regular Meeting

2501 Wall Avenue | Arts Office

Ogden, UT 84401

801-629-8718

#### *In Attendance:*

Leon Araujo, Chair; Camille Washington; Deann Armes; Kseniya Thomas; Stephanie Howerton;  
Todd Oberndorfer; Susan Snyder; Jan Hamer, Joel Kitamura; Sam Gappmayer, Eric Holmes;  
Daniel Jenney

#### *Excused:*

#### *Absent:*

Jake McIntire

#### *Staff Present:*

Lorie Buckley; April Gruber

**Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – 8:30 A.M.**

### **In-person and Zoom Meeting**

**Welcome and Call to Order** – Leon Araujo, Chair

Called to order at 8:32AM

- **Approval of September Minutes**
  - Motion to approve – Eric Holmes
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> motion – Joel Kitamura
  
- **Public Art Updates** – Lorie Buckley
  - Municipal Building Stairwell
    - Artist contract under review
    - Anticipated installation date: Fall 2026
  - Olympic Mural
    - Applications currently reviewed by community stakeholders and Public Art Subcommittee
    - 135 Olympic Mural submissions received
    - April 24<sup>th</sup> | Round 1 reviews due
    - Discussed next steps in evaluation process.
  - Kiesel Avenue Cable Project
    - Applications currently reviewed by community stakeholders and Public Art Subcommittee
    - 75 submissions received
    - April 24<sup>th</sup> | Round 1 reviews due
    - Discussed next steps in evaluation process.
  
- **Ogden City Poet Laureate Update** – Lorie Buckley

- Provided update to application submissions and evaluation process
- Recommended candidate is expected to be presented at May OCAAC meeting.
- **OCAAC Vice Chair Election** – Lorie Buckley
  - Susan Snyder unanimously elected as Vice Chair for FY 2026-2027
- **FY 2027 Arts Grants Update** – Lorie Buckley
  - Transmittal currently with City Administration
    - Advances to City Council Work Session following administrative review
  - FY 2028 application cycle is actively being built.
- **OCAAC Applicants** – Lorie Buckley
  - Discussed member applications, available vacancies, and OCAAC review process.
- **Sub-Committees:**
  - *Executive* – Leon Araujo
  - *Ogden CAN* – Stephanie Howerton
    - Meetings held 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm
    - Shared new board onboarding process, 10 year anniversary, and expansion ideas
  - *Nine Rails Creative District* – Leon Araujo
    - Discussed recent, current and forthcoming Nine Rails programming
    - Inquired about District designation stickers and Rainworks opportunities
      - Strong interest to proceed with Rainworks placemaking opportunity.
        - Discussed research, pricing, logistics, and artist engagement
    - 4/17 at 12pm | Brown Bag Brigade at Banyan Collective
  - *Public Art* – Jake McIntire
    - Discussed vandalization of Rodeo Grounds murals
      - Considered ideas for future use and/or installations/public art engagement
  - *Literary* – Jan Hamer
    - Recapped Subcommittee’s Poet Laureate evaluation
    - Reviewed the April 11<sup>th</sup> Poetry Festival event
  - *Arts Grants* – Deann Armes
- **Committee Member Updates**
  - Conveyed event updates including Community Art Show and Dancing in the Park initiatives
  - Discussed Ogden Contemporary Arts and Ogden Downtown Alliance RDA projects, as well as future opportunities
  - Discussed advocacy strategies for increasing City Arts Grants allocation beyond \$150,000
- **Public Questions & Attendance**
  - Attendance: Sarah Abagulum

### Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Committee member Jan Hamer moved the meeting adjourn at 9:30 a.m. Motion was seconded by Committee member Todd Oberndorfer, all voting aye.

*April Gruber*

---

April Gruber  
Ogden City

APPROVED: May 12, 2026

NEXT REGULAR OGDEN CITY ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 12, 2026

HISTORIC UNION STATION