



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: 05/19/2026

ROOM: Council Conference Room

TIME: 11:30 AM

ADDRESS: 56 N State St, Orem, UT 84057

Commission Members in Attendance: Stephanie Goodman (chair), Mike Ramsey, Gina Cavallo, Shelby Killpack, Jeremy Hall

Commission Members Excused: Scott Swain, La Beene, Nathan Christiansen (vice-chair) Adam Robertson

City Council: Quinn Mecham

City Staff: Pete Wolfley, Melissa Mullins

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mike Ramsey welcomed everyone and then asked each committee member to introduce themselves.

There was a brief review of member sub-committee assignments.

1. CARE Tax Ambassadors

CARE Tax grantees have been approved. The CARE Tax Advisory Commission considers these grants an investment in the future success of the receiving organizations. When the organizations come before the CARE tax committee next year they will be asked questions that help the committee understand the return on the investment.

An ambassador from the Commission is designated for every organization that receives CARE tax funding. The list of organizations were reviewed and changes and/or additions made as necessary. The Commission discussed implementing an end-of-year survey for recipient organizations to evaluate the effectiveness of their assigned ambassadors. The

goal would be to gather feedback on how well the ambassadors supported and connected with each organization during the grant period.

Action Item: Pete will send out the updated ambassador assignments to commission members.

2. Library Sound Project - Partnership with UVU Students

Bryce Merrill introduced a collaborative initiative with UVU students to create an art piece designed to serve as a sound dampening device. The project's budget would be restricted to material costs only, with a scheduled completion date in November. The Committee responded favorably to the proposal.

The group explored funding options, noting that the estimated cost for the project ranges between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

In response to the Committee's inquiry regarding the Arts Council's role in selecting additional city artwork, Bryce suggested coordinating a follow-up discussion involving the Commission, Holly Grierson, and Mike Smith.

Action Item: Bryce will coordinate moving the sounds project forward with UVU and provide updates when available.

3. Performance Subcommittee Report - Summer Concert Series (Delayed)

4. Summer Neighborhood Picnic Entertainment Proposal

An inquiry was made to the Arts Council about potentially supporting the police department's summer picnics held in various city parks. With four picnics scheduled for this year, the police have inquired if the Council would provide entertainment. The proposed process involves hiring a band for a 90-minute performance for each event, funded by the Council's budget. The Council expressed support for this initiative as a way to engage with different neighborhoods, noting that the picnics rotate locations annually.

5. Writer in Residence Discussion & 6. Artist in Residence Discussion

During the most recent city council session, the CARE tax budget was approved, marking the inaugural inclusion of a Writer in Residence and Artist in Residence program with a total allocation of \$30,000. This funding is slated for fiscal year 2027, covering the period from July 2026 through June 2027. The Commission is currently evaluating several

structural options for the program, such as appointing two individuals at \$15,000 each or four individuals at \$7,500 each.

Participants may be sourced from the local Orem community or from outside the area. In addition to community engagement through scheduled programming and events, residents may produce original works for a dedicated Orem City collection. There is also interest in a "Homecoming" series featuring prominent artists with roots in the region. Details regarding logistical requirements and housing remain under review. A steering committee will be established for further discussion.

7. Adopt Meeting Minutes from 4/21/2026

A motion was made by Mike Ramsey to approve the meeting minutes from 04/21/2026

Motion seconded by Jeremy Hall.

All commission members voting yes: Stephanie Goodman (chair), Mike Ramsey, Gina Cavallo, Shelby Killpack, Jeremy Hall. None opposed.

Motion to approve meeting minutes 04/21/2026 passes.

8. Adjourn

No vote taken to adjourn.

**A reminder was given that there are still a few open Emcee slots for Friday 06/12/2026. Those slots can be covered by staff if commission members are not available.

Meeting minutes approved 06/16/2026

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