



ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes-APPROVED

January 14, 2026/1PM-2:30PM

Jessie Ball duPont Center in the large conference room of Jessie Ball duPont Fund/Ste. 300

Committee: Gigi Ackerman Schwartz (Chair), Ylva Rouse, Heather Terrill, Larry Wilson

CCGJ and COJ Staff: Kat Wright (Public Art Director), Kristin Livingston (Operations Director), Harry “Reece” Wilson and Ashley Smith (COJ Office of General Counsel)

Public: Ernest Smith

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4573864081?omn=89015447554>

Meeting ID: 457 386 4081

IMPORTANT NOTE: *An in-person quorum of 50% +1 is required to take any action on motions. The work of the Art in Public Places Committee (APPC) for the City of Jacksonville (COJ) requires motions be made in order for public art projects to move forward per City Ordinance.*

CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Larry Wilson

Chair Ackerman Schwartz was absent, Larry Wilson performed the role of Chair in her absence.
Mr. Wilson called the meeting to order at 1:04pm and took attendance.

Roll Call Attendance

No.	APPC MEMBER	PRESENT (Y/N)
1	Gigi Ackerman Schwartz (Chair)	N
2	Heather Terrill	Y
3	Ylva Rouse	Y
4	Larry Wilson	Y

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment made.

ACTION ITEM - VOTING, August 21, 2025 APPC Meeting Minutes

Motion: The minutes of the Special July 2025 Art in Public Places Committee meeting are approved as written. Moved by: Heather Terrill. Seconded by: Ylva Rouse.

Roll Call Vote:

Gigi Ackerman Schwartz (Chair)	-
Heather Terrill	Y
Ylva Rouse	Y
Larry Wilson	Y

The minutes of the August 21, 2025 meeting are approved.



UPDATES

Kat Wright

- Staff shared the public art dashboard depicting 17 city funded projects. The Committee inquired on the status of the Courthouse Plaza Public Art Project.
- Staff conveyed that the Artwork Selection Panel (ASP) was scheduled to meet to deliberate on the final design last August; however, shortly before the meeting was to be conducted Chief Lance Day (Florida 4th Judicial Court) shared concerns at the dais during the City Council finance committee.
- Concerns include the limited maintenance set aside (5%) for repairs, potential for vandalism and impact on public safety, which has paused the panel review at the request of the Finance Committee.
- The Cultural Council is working with the City to determine the next steps.
- Staff expressed that the final design has been vetted by the City's Safety Manager from the Division of Risk and Insurance and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office confirmed that the artwork did not impede any of the security camera sightlines on the property.
- The City has not made any decisions to date, and the organization is working fervently for a resolution which will be shared when a determination has been made.
- Multiple Committee members felt that the development would be disrespectful to the work of the Artwork Selection Panel and the Committee for the time and hard work extended over the last few years should the project end.
- Staff shared that project scoping for Budget Enhancement projects that will put public art in each council district is underway for Council Districts 5,10 and 11.
- Staff conveyed that completing the 6 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) project has been beneficial to educating Councilmembers on the public art process.
- The organization is looking forward to sharing videos from the CPAC artists regarding the design process, why they do public art and why they feel public art is important in Jacksonville, which should create more excitement for public art and provide a connection point for the Council.
- A Committee Member asked if performance art was an option for a potential project in the future. Staff relayed that city ordinance does not extend public funding to performance art.
- The Committee asked about the fiscal year budget. Cultural Council operational funding remained flat for this year, but the organization hopes to explore adding a Public Art Project Manager for next fiscal year.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Publicly-Funded Projects (Other)

Kat Wright

a) Rogers Park Interactive Artwork

- Staff shared that Councilmember Boylan sponsored interactive artwork for both Rogers and Losco Park. The Losco Interactive Artwork concept proposal by Solomon Bassoff was presented to the project's ASP.
- Following Bassoff's presentation, the panel expressed uncertainty that the artist would address the revisions the panel put forth to ensure the design would meet the objectives stated in the Request for Proposals.
- The panel voted not to advance the conceptual design into a final design for subsequent deliberation, which terminated the agreement with Bassoff.
- Staff met with Councilmember Boylan and Parks, Recreation and Community Services to explore how to proceed with Losco Park, in which they all agreed to reallocate the remaining funding to the Rogers Park Interactive project.



- Staff reviewed the ASP's composition with the Committee and they appreciated the expertise the membership will have to benefit the project.
- Staff conveyed that the commissioned artist, Greg Mueller of Muller Design Studio, is working on his conceptual design proposal, which will be reviewed by the ASP pending the APPC's approval of the panel.

ACTION ITEM - VOTING, Rogers Park Interactive Artwork Art Selection Panel

Larry Wilson

Motion: The Art in Public Places Committee approves the recommended Art Selection Panel candidates as presented: **Ylva Rouse** - APPC Representative (Chair); **Becca Wright** - Representative of Site; **Brooke Robbins** - Design Professional; **Claudia Urbano** - Art Professional; **Princess Simpson Rashid** – Art Professional; **Susie Scott** - Community Representative; **Sandy Arpen** - Community Representative; **Chris Brunner** - Community Representative and **Magnus Wallen** - Safety Manager/Division of Risk and Insurance-CAO Appointed Designee. Moved by: Heather Terrill. Seconded by: Ylva Rouse.

Roll Call Vote:

Gigi Ackerman Schwartz (Chair)	-
Heather Terrill	Y
Ylva Rouse	Y
Larry Wilson	Y

So moved and approved.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Next APPC Meeting: February 11th @ Jessie Ball duPont Center-Large Conference Room/Jessie Ball duPont Suite 300, 1PM

Staff acknowledged Reece Wilson from Office of General Counsel for serving as a liaison to Art in Public Places. He will be replaced by Ashley Smith (in attendance), who will be joining us at February's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Larry Wilson

Mr. Wilson adjourned the meeting 2:12pm.