

NASHUA **ARTS** COMMISSION

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Tuesday, May 12th at 8am
3rd Floor Auditorium
Nashua City Hall
229 Main Street, Nashua NH 03060

AGENDA

- 8:00am Call To Order
 Roll Call of Members
 Welcome Guests
 Approval of [Minutes April 2026](#)
- 8:10am Old Business
 Update on Arts Commission Sponsored Project Proposal (Faith)
 • [Minutes from Project Subcommittee Meeting](#)
 • Read the attached proposal
 Update on Renaissance Park Mural (Laurie)
 Update on Arts Kiosk Project
- 8:10am New Business
 ArtCity (Liz)
 Commissioner Terms, Prospectives, and Elections
- 9:00am Call To Artist Notices (*if any*)
 Upcoming Event Announcements (*if any*)
 Open Discussion for Commissioners (*if time allows*)

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 at 8am** in City Auditorium of Nashua City Hall

Reminder: Summer Meeting Schedule

- **July 14th: NO Arts Commission Meeting**
- **August 11th:** YES, tentative meeting, depending on available quorum.
 - *Please notify Lindsay NOW if you have a planned vacation so we can adjust the schedule as needed*

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Submitted 4/27/26

Prepared by Faith Mandravelis

The Nashua Arts Commission is presenting our recommendation to be approved by the Board of Aldermen. This will be an Arts Commission-led project and is the remaining \$10,000 of the \$40,000 that was budgeted to the Arts Commission for FY26. This recommendation supports collaboration between artists, municipal government, and business organizations in efforts to activate the new Renaissance Park and river walk downtown.

For the past 7 years, the Arts Commission has been approved to award up to \$40,000 annually to support valuable art projects that make a positive impact in our city. The entirety of these funds have previously been awarded as grants to local Non-profits. As a commission, we have decided to maximize our impact and visibility by reserving a quarter of that amount to fund a NAC lead project.

Our project for this year is the Summer Music Series:

Saturdays in the months of June, July and August will feature an hour of music at the newly installed park. Each week features a different genre and engages a broad audience within the community. Additionally, each Sunday during the Farmers Market, local solo and duo acoustic performers provide entertainment and additional draw for vendors. Both events bring visitors and residents together in the newly renovated investment of downtown Nashua. The arts commission has chosen to sponsor these events by paying for these musical performers, while volunteering in talent procurement and event facilitation.

This project

- Advocates for the worth of creative artists, their right to a fair wage and their presence in the work force and community.
- Endorses the gig economy within the city.
- Creates jobs within the arts community that otherwise would not be available.
- Provides a vibrant atmosphere for an engaged community.
- Supports and furthers the initiatives of the current [Nashua Arts & Culture Plan](#), adopted by the Board of Alderman in 2022.

We kindly ask for your continued support of the Nashua Arts & Culture Plan and the Arts Commission by approving this recommendation for funding. Your continued choice to make this small investment in the arts has a powerful ripple effect in the quality of life for the citizens of our great city.

2026 NAC Summer Music Series: \$10,000

Nashua Arts Commission Banners	\$200
Kids Fun-tivity Art Materials	\$200
Sunday Farmer's Market Performers (5/24 - 10/11)	\$3600

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Saturday Music Series	\$6000
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