

Nashua Arts Commission
Meeting minutes
Oct. 14, 2025

In attendance:

Jennifer Annand

Faith Mandravelis

Sara Ceaser

Lindsay Rinaldi

Chuck Emmons

Carol Robey

Paula Lochhead

Lauren Spira-Savet

Guests: Alderman Trish Klee, Kathleen Palmer (City reps)

Absent: Judy Carlson, Tina Cassidy, Jane Marquis

Call to Order: 8:07 am.

Roll Call of Members

Motion to Approve: Sept. minutes – **Lindsay** added verbiage to past minutes, and then a Motion to Amend was made by **Faith** and seconded by **Laurie** (**Carol** abstained due to prior mtg absence); a Motion to Approve these edited Sept. minutes was made by **Paula** and seconded by **Laurie**, all in favor. Motion carried. (**Kathleen** has uploaded the revised minutes since end of this meeting)

Communications

Chalk Walk: **Lindsay** shared press links from InkLink and Hippo on Great American Downtown's recent chalk coloring event held on the sidewalks downtown.

Old Business

Chairman's Report: **Lindsay** shared her notes from a recent meeting with City Legal, Purchasing, EcDev and Alderman Klee (attached at end of these Minutes), which detail legal clarifications of existing and new procedures the commission will use for grants. Alderman Klee helped explain the process from the lens of her experience on the BOA, which was helpful.

As the commissioners went through these comprehensive notes, they concurred with the suggestion to codify one in particular: **Jenn** made a motion to request, and **Lindsay** will send to legal for approval before adjusting NAC by-laws: *"Any arts commission member who is also a grant applicant will recuse themselves from any grant selection process discussion."*

Grants: **Jenn** asked for interest in serving on the grants sub-com this cycle; **Faith, Lauren** and **Paula** volunteered. She also noted that she would like to begin a succession plan and training for her upcoming Feb. '27 conclusion of service, by beginning now and doing a complete grant cycle with a successor.

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Storywalk Report: **Paula** said Nashua Historical Society is collaborating with Nashua Public Library and local Boy Scouts to create a Storywalk experience at the NHS grounds, open to the public roughly April-October. NPL has offered to incur costs for books and lamination; the hopeful plan is that an Eagle Scout will build the kiosks (and ideally fundraise/get donations for those incurred costs). **Jenn** notes that they will need to know ASAP if the Scout will need/request money from the commission, as it would have to be set aside from available funds for grant submissions. **Paula** will reach out and see if the Scout can provide a proposal for the next meeting.

New Business

Commissioner Status Update: **Lindsay** reported that Eleanor Luna has resigned, bringing the available commissioner slots up to two. Existing commissioners will think about anyone they feel could be a good addition.

NAC 2025 Budget Allocation: Discussion was tabled due to time constraints; motion by **Lindsay**, seconded by **Faith**, all approved.

Adjustment to next meeting date: Due to Veteran's Day, meeting will be moved out a week to 11/18. (**Kathleen** has since moved meeting in CivicPlus and secured the auditorium)

Open Discussion for Commissioners

Lauren announced a muralist was selected by a sub-com for the renovated Renaissance Park riverfront. Their name is J Graham, of Colorado. The mural will be Nashua-themed and slated for completion by May 2026.

Motion to Adjourn: 9:30 am, made by **Carol**, seconded by **Paula**, all in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: **8 am Tuesday, Nov. 18**

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