

Nashua Arts Commission
Meeting minutes
Nov. 18, 2025

In attendance:

Jennifer Annand

Faith Mandravelis

Judy Carlson

Jane Marquis

Sara Ceaser

Lindsay Rinaldi

Chuck Emmons

Carol Robey

Paula Lochhead

Lauren Spira-Savet

Guests: Liz Hannum, Kathleen Palmer (City reps)

Absent: Tina Cassidy

Call to Order: 8:03 am.

Roll Call of Members

Motion to Approve: Oct. minutes – Motion to Approve was made by **Carol** and seconded by **Judy**, all in favor. Motion carried.

Communications

Riverwalk Mural: **Lindsay** shared an email from outgoing Alderman Chris Thibodeau regarding the Finance Committee's rejection of the Renaissance Park muralist project.

Old Business

Grants: **Jenn** and the team discussed any changes to the grant process that might be helpful, either this round or going forward. Ideas included adding an AutoSign acceptance by recipients; (re)creating a "from the Commission" email address via the City's IT Dept. for correspondences; and including a reminder to applicants and recipients to save their project-related receipts in case an audit is ever necessary. This last item can be added to the application itself, the website, and/or the award letter/email.

Storywalk Report: **PREVIOUS:** **Paula** said Nashua Historical Society is collaborating with Nashua Public Library and a local Eagle Scout 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.

UPDATE: Eagle Scout could not miss class for a presentation to us this month, but a NHS rep will attend the Dec. meeting with his proposal. Also, the book selected will be related to the 250th anniversary of American Revolution and the REV250 nationwide endeavor.

New Business

NAC FY26 Priorities and Projects: **Lindsay** asked the group to consider how to recommend utilizing the \$40k allotted to the commission in the next fiscal year. After a round of discussion, a Motion was made by **Judy** and seconded by **Lauren** to allot \$30k to the Grants Sub-Committee. A roll-call vote had all Yays except for **Chuck**'s Nay.

Motion to Adjourn: 9:25 am, made by **Judy**, seconded by **Carol**, all in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: **8 am Tuesday, Dec. 9.**

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