



CHATTANOOGA PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

Thursday, November 20, 2025, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

City Council Building | J.B. Collins Conference Room

PRESENT: Nandini Makrandi, Dixon Stetler, Matthew Stovall, Jack Wood, Rebecca Brooks, Ian-Alijah Bey, Ryan Kopet

GUESTS: None

STAFF: Carmen Davis, Katelyn Kirnie, Harolda Bryson

The meeting was called to order at 1:05PM.

I. Call to Order:

A. Approval of October 23, 2025 minutes

The meeting was called to order and a motion was made to approve minutes from October 23. The motion to approve the minutes passed with agreement and no opposition.

II. Items for Vote

A. Erlanger Park - Artist Designed Stadium Gates

Staff presented the selected artist, Tommy Bronx' designs for two Main Entrance Gates and Centerfield Gate at Erlanger Park Stadium in the South Broad district. The Commission offered feedback on designs for the three entry gate locations.

A motion was made to **APPROVE** the artist design for the **Erlanger Park Stadium Gates** by artist **Tomas Betancourt** (a.k.a. Tommy Bronx), as presented by Public Art Chattanooga staff. **With the following conditions:** 1. Artist to confirm accuracy of native plants and animals. 2. Artist to consider the frequency and scale of grass and tree pattern work to create more open space. 3. Artist to consider adding Market St. bridge outline to "Baseball" themed gate. 4. Artist and fabricator to provide an at scale mock up of design cut in metal for staff review before fabrication. **Motion was seconded. Motion carried.**

B. Phase 1: ONE Westside Public Art

Staff presented ONE Westside Phase 1 public art projects and proposed Choice Neighborhood Grant fund use including budget allocation and Artist Selection Panel representatives.

A motion was made to **APPROVE** authorizing Public Art Chattanooga staff to **receive Westside Choice Neighborhood Grant funds and allocate funds** to support the planning, creation, and maintenance of **Phase 1 Public Art Projects** including: the James A. Henry Mural, Artistic Lighting at 12th St/ Hwy 27 Underpass, and contract Project Management and Creative Strategy services for Westside Public Art projects.

Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

C. Relocation of “Matriarch” Sculpture by Isaac Duncan III

Staff presented the proposed relocation of the artwork to a recently vacated pad on the highly visible corner of MLK Blvd and Market St. at Miller Plaza. A projected cost was shared including street barriers, removal, cleaning, and re-installation.

A motion was made to **APPROVE** authorizing Public Art Chattanooga staff to **relocate the sculpture** by Isaac Duncan III, “Matriarch” to the vacant pad on the corner of MLK Blvd and Market St at Miller Plaza. **Motion was seconded. Motion carried.**

D. Extension of Temporary Art Exhibition – Downtown Art Spark Program

Staff presented the request by River City Co. to extend the temporary exhibition for artworks remaining in good condition for an additional 5 year period. The request included a plan for maintenance and re-wrapping of damaged boxes.

A motion was made to **APPROVE** authorizing Public Art Chattanooga staff to amend and extend the **Temporary Art Exhibition agreement** with **River City Co.** for the **Downtown Art Spark Program** electrical box wraps and artworks for an additional **5 years. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.**

E. Temporary Exhibition Proposal - Ridgedale Community Association

Staff presented the Ridgedale Community Association’s unsolicited proposal to install and display artworks by Josiah Golson, Elea Wright and Justin Butts on City property located at 200 block of Buckley St, Chattanooga, TN, the “Ridgedale Greenwalk” for a duration of 1 year.

A motion was made to **APPROVE** authorizing Public Art Chattanooga staff to enter into a **Temporary Art Exhibition agreement** with the Ridgedale Community Association for the proposed artworks for a duration of 1 year. **With the following conditions:** a signed Temporary Exhibition Agreement with the City outlining responsibilities for installation, exhibition and removal of artworks is required. **Motion was seconded. Motion carried.**

I. Project Updates

A. Veterans Bridge Mural

Staff provided an update and presented design revisions for the Veterans Bridge Mural by Eric Finley (aka SEVEN). Installation will take place as soon as temperatures allow in the Spring.

B. MLK Underpass

Staff presented a status update regarding the relocation of the mural component of the project to the City Hall Annex building which is in the MLK District. The artist’s contract will need to be amended to reflect the change to site and scope of work.

C. City Stages CTA

Staff shared that the Call to Artists had been posted to the City Website and [CallforEntry.org](#). Applications will be accepted through Dec. 22, 2025. A CPAC representative was requested to serve on the Artist Selection Panel.

D. Collection Management

Staff presented recently completed collection repairs and upcoming plans for artwork refurbishment. Staff provided an update on the Main Street Sculpture Repair and Relocation Project. Staff is working with City Purchasing and Public Works Engineer staff to create a Blanket Contract for a two year scope of work for removal, repairs,

refinish, storage, and relocation services over the next 2-4 years.

II. CPAC Business

- A.** Staff and Commission discussed the need for new appointments to CPAC.
- B.** Staff and Commission discussed the revised CPAC meeting schedule.

III. Public Comment: No public comments were made.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 22, 2026 1:00 - 3:00 PM