



## CHATTANOOGA PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 22, 2026, 1:00 - 3:00 PM  
City Council Building | J.B. Collins Conference Room

**PRESENT:** Dixon Stetler, Courtney Cochran, Matthew Stovall, Jack Wood, Rebecca Brooks, Ian-Alijah Bey, Ryan Kirk 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 November 22, 2025 minutes

The meeting was called to order and a motion was made to APPROVE minutes from November 22. **Motion was seconded. Motion carried.**

### II. Items for Vote

#### A. Erlanger Park - Stadium Fence Panel Designs by Tommy Bronx

Staff presented Tommy Bronx' additional design concepts for custom fence panels adjoining the approved designs for the Stadium Gates.

A motion was made to **APPROVE** the artist design for the Erlanger Park **Stadium Fence Panels** by artist **Tomas Betancourt** (a.k.a. Tommy Bronx), as presented by Public Art Chattanooga staff. **Motion was seconded. Motion carried.**

#### B. Artwork Loan Agreement for "Matriarch"

Staff re-presented the proposed relocation of "Matriarch" by Isaac Duncan III to Miller Plaza, clarifying an artwork loan agreement would be required as the public space is technically owned by River City Co.

A motion was made to **APPROVE** authorizing Public Art Chattanooga staff to enter into an Artwork Loan Agreement for "Matriarch" and its public display on the corner of MLK Blvd and Market St at Miller Plaza, property owned by River City Co for a time period of 10 years. **Motion was seconded. Motion carried.**

### III. Items for Discussion

#### A. South Broad / Stadium - Additional Projects

Staff presented additional projects being considered for the South Broad/Stadium District including a large-scale mural for the backside of the Stadium wall facing I-24 and a gateway sculpture for the new district's entrance to the TN Riverwalk.

Commission members advised staff to prioritize and designate FY2026 Art in Capital funds for the backwall mural with lighting, suggesting an additional FY27 request of Art in Capital funding for the gateway sculpture project.

**B. Riverfront Parks - Potential Projects**

Staff presented River City Co's Evolving Riverfront Parks plan which includes fundraising for public art. Staff gave an overview of the public art project types being considered. Public Art Chattanooga will serve as a lead partner alongside River City Co. for the public art selection and implementation process once fundraising is secured and projects are confirmed.

**IV. Project Updates**

**A. ONE Westside**

Staff shared a progress report including: a completed draft Call to Artists for James A. Henry Hub mural, the forming of a ONE Westside Public Art committee (artist selection panel), creative strategy and project management services being contracted to support ONE Westside projects and community engagement kicking off this spring.

**B. MLK District Mural**

Staff shared a progress report including: City Hall annex as the approved site, the artist's preferred mural location identified and a tentative installation timeframe for April/May 2026.

**C. City Stages**

Staff shared a progress report including: the identification of an Artist Selection Panel and the scheduled review of artist submissions and selection.

**D. Collection Management**

Staff shared a progress report including: the preparation of a bid specifications document for sourcing a blanket contract for the Main Street Sculpture Repair & Relocation project.

**E. Ed Johnson Remembrance Event**

Staff shared about the upcoming 120 year remembrance event taking place at the Ed Johnson memorial on March 19, 2026.

**V. CPAC Business**

**A. CPAC Orientation**

Staff and Commission discussed topics to be covered at the Orientation taking place at next month's meeting.

**VI. Public Comment:** No public comments were made

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:15 PM.

**Next Meeting:** February 26, 2026, Orientation: 12:00PM; Regular Meeting: 1:00 - 3:00 PM