



**MINUTES
PUBLIC ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS**

Development Services - San Gabriel Conference Room
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Wednesday, November 12, 2025
Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM



**Place 1 – Matt Pitcher
Place 2 – Keysha Bradford
Place 3 – Lisa Chmelar
Place 4 – Anna Yelaun
Place 5 – Reddy Yeduru**

**Place 6 – Sammy Panzarino
Place 7 – Steve Kuwitzky
Place 8 – Kyla Spady
Place 9 – Naruby Bollom
Council Liaison — Na'Cole Thompson
Staff Liaison – Greg Olmer**

REGULAR MEETING

1. Open Meeting.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

All commissioners were present.

3. Public comments on items not listed in the agenda.

Public comments on items listed in the agenda will be heard at the time each item is discussed.

[All comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes per individual.]

None.

4. Introduction of new commission members Matt Pitcher and Lisa Chmelar.

5. Staff Updates.

- Budget: Financial report for Fund 10 and Fund 75 including funds spent in FY 2025.

Staff Liaison Olmer discussed the budget balance and recent activity in both funds. An additional update will be provided again in January including the year end close-out information.

6. Subcommittee Updates.

- ArtFest: Post-Event discussion including update on event final budget, logistics, what worked and what didn't.
- Master Plan: Update on next steps including scheduling meetings, recent correspondence with Designing Local, Ltd. on updates to the Master Plan draft, exploring potential dates for a City Council Workshop; and a subsequent City Council date for possible adoption of the plan.
- Martin Luther King, (MLK) Jr. Day / Juneteenth Events: Update including collaboration with the City of Cedar Park, recent meeting with City of Cedar Park Parks and Recreation staff members. Topics covered included: discussing a partnership to enhance the MLK Day

Celebration to be hosted at Cedar Park Recreation Center as well as the annual Juneteenth Events to continue to be hosted at Robin Bledsoe Park, and inviting Cedar Park officials and seek input on the event.

Artfest update included the event went great; survey results for after the event were very positive; stayed under budget after all expenses were charged and feedback was that the shuttles were a huge help for the attendees. Chair Panzarino thanked the Parks and Recreation team for all of their efforts and help with the event.

Master Plan update included the reflection that committee members wish they had waited to hire a professional until after they had received Council's feedback because the professional consultant is under the impression that their work on the Master Plan is done. The consultant has been fully paid and is now no longer answering any communication from the committee. Staff is working with legal to determine options moving forward.

Martin Luther King, (MLK) Jr. Day / Juneteenth Events update consisted of presenting a new collaboration idea with the City of Cedar Park. Commissioner Bradford gave updates on the decisions from the last meeting the subcommittee had, including hosting the march for MLK in Cedar Park on Discovery Blvd. and then having the vendors and food set-up inside the recreation center. The subcommittee plans to go look at more facilities to see if a stage can be placed inside. The subcommittee expressed concerns about the communication between LPACC and the City of Cedar Park so far.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

Motion: Approve the consent agenda including the October 8, 2025, meeting minutes and bring back the October 8th agenda item 9 for a re-vote.

By: Board Member Panzarino
Seconded: Board Member Kuwitzky

Vote: 9 - 0

7. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on October 8, 2025.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Discuss and consider annual appointment of Chair and Vice Chair of the Leander Public Arts and Culture Commission for a term of one year.

Following discussion by the commissioners, the following motions were made:
Motion: Approve Steve Kuwitzky as chair.

By: Board Member Panzarino
Seconded: Board Member Yeduru

Vote: 9 - 0

Motion: Motion: Approve Sammy Panzarino as Vice Chair.

By: Board Member Spady
Seconded: Board Member Yelaun

Vote: 9 - 0

9. Presentation and discussion of annual review of the Board and Commission Rules of Procedures and Reference Book.

No actions were taken.

Commissioners Yeduru and Yelaun left the meeting once the presentation ended at 7:00 p.m.

10. Discuss and consider logistical planning for the unveiling of The Leander Frog sculpture at Devine Lake Park.

Discussions ensued and a \$200 budget was agreed on for the unveiling event. No action was taken.

11. Discuss and consider action on the Leander Senior Activity Center (LSAC) sculpture project of a final theme, establish an RFP, and identify sculpture placement.

Motion: Approve the theme to be "Pathways"

By: Board Member Chmelar

Seconded: Board Member Panzarino

Vote: 7 - 0

Commissioner Bollom left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Motion: Table the RFP to the January 14, 2026 meeting

By: Board Member Kuwitzky

Seconded: Board Member Spady

Vote: 6 - 0

12. Discuss and consider action on participating in the Old Town Christmas Festival Parade and establishing a budget.

Motion: Approve a budget of \$800 and participate in the Old Town Christmas Festival Parade with Chair Kuwitzky running point.

By: Board Member Panzarino

Seconded: Board Member Kuwitzky

Vote: 6 - 0

13. Future Agenda Items.

- Senior Activity Center Sculpture
- MLK Day March and Parade

14. Closing Statements.

15. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED Steve Kowitzky 1/14/26
CHAIR Steve Kowitzky

ATTEST: [Signature]
STAFF LIAISON