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

Development Services - San Gabriel Conference Room
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Wednesday, May 13, 2026
Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM

Place 1 – Matt Pitcher	**Place 7 – Steve Kuwitzky**
Place 2 – Keysha Bradford	**Place 8 – Kyla Spady**
Place 3 – Lisa Chmelar	**Place 9 – Naruby Bollom**
Place 4 – Anna Yelaun	**Council Liaison – Vacant**
Place 5 – Reddy Yeduru	**Staff Liaison – Greg Olmer, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation**
Place 6 – Sammy Panzarino	

REGULAR MEETING

1. Open Meeting.

   Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

   All Board Members were present except for Board Members Yelaun, Yeduru, and Bollom.

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.]

   Jennifer Jones was present and commented that she used to be on the committee for six (6) years from 2014 to 2019, as well as held the title of chair. She was in attendance to talk about the coloring book based on the Devine Lake Park Frog Sculpture that she and Board Member Panzarino have been working on.
   Kathy Bonardi was present and commented that she was in attendance to hear the update on the Senior Activity Center sculpture.

4. Staff Updates.

   - Budget: Financial report for Fund 10 and Fund 75 including funds spent in April 2026.
   - Leander Frog: process to create barriers/safeguards for the sculpture.
   - Art Bench: installation timeline of 3 art benches to be delivered in July.
   - RFP Leander Senior Center Sculpture: final changes that will be implemented based on the last meeting, will include the following: a 10’ x 10’ base area and primary location to be on the southwest side of the building and the secondary site to be located on the west side trail sidewalk loop.
   - Master Plan status: Meeting set with Designing Local for Friday, May 15th, City Council Workshop in August.

Staff Liaison Olmer gave an update on the budget by sharing the current balances of Fund 10 and Fund 75. There were no changes from the balances presented last month. The update on The Leander Frog was that the public are still wanting to play on the sculpture and use it as a play space. Staff Liaison Olmer asked the commission to spearhead an idea on how to keep the public safe and create a subcommittee for the topic if needed. The safety plan could be presented at the next meeting as an agenda item to take action upon if the committee chooses. The RFP Leander Senior Center Sculpture update included final changes that will be implemented based on the last meeting, including the following: a 10’ x 10’ base area and primary location to be on the south-west side of the building and the secondary site to be located on the west side trail sidewalk loop. An update on the art benches purchased for Lakewood Park and Devine Lake Park included their installation estimate for arriving this July. Staff Liaison Olmer wanted to bring to the commission's attention that the RFP process for decorating these benches should begin soon, looking at potentially making this a future agenda item. An update on the Master Plan was given, including that the meeting with Meredith from Designing Local on May 15th was rescheduled to May 27th, meaning next Friday there will be an updated draft. Once the city is in possession of the draft, it will be shared with commissioners at the next meeting. The soonest that it could be presented to the City Council is the City Council Workshop on August 20th.

5. Subcommittee Updates

- America 250th Anniversary: latest updates on the upcoming event and the process to create a community-led mosaic/mural to commemorate the anniversary.

Board member Pitcher gave an update on the mosaic decorating program, including that a vendor was chosen to create and produce the tiles using sustainable materials. They will be ready to be picked up and decorated on June 6th at the Old Town Fest where the subcommittee will have an LPACC booth. Board Member Pitcher asked for volunteers from the commission to help staff the booth for the event, and asked if there is a P.A. system that could be borrowed. The plan is for the mosaic tiles to be assembled and installed by Liberty Fest on July 3rd. Board Member Pitcher discussed reaching out to the city's P.I.O. office to help promote the program on social media / online platforms. There are also plans to print out flyers to post in city buildings for additional reach.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

Motion: Approve the consent agenda.

By: Board Member Panzarino
Seconded: Board Member Chmelar

Vote: 6 - 0

6. Approval of the minutes for meeting held on April 8, 2026.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Discuss and consider action on the Juneteenth Event and Educational Booth Proposal for a musical craft.

Following a discussion, a motion was made:

Motion: Approve an expenditure of $450 for supplies required for the musical craft activity at the Juneteenth Event and Educational Booth.

By: Board Member Panzarino
Seconded: Board Member Bradford

Vote: 6 - 0

8. Discuss and consider action on nominations and election of new subcommittee appointments.

Following a discussion, the committee decided to table the agenda item for the next meeting on July 8, 2026.

9. Discuss and consider action regarding the 2026 Art Fest special event scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2026, including establishment of the event theme, approval of a proposed budget of $15,000, and direction on related event logistics.

Following a discussion, the following motion was made.

Motion: Approval of the following parameters for the 2026 Art Fest: Event Theme: "Leander Art Fest: Down the Rabbit Hole"; Event Date: Saturday, October 3, 2026; Approved Budget: $15,000.00.

By: Board Member Panzarino
Seconded: Board Member Bradford

Vote: 6 - 0

10. Future Agenda Items.

    1. Subcommittees
    2. Leander Art Fest: Down the Rabbit Hole
    3. Art in the Park
    4. Juneteenth Update
    5. Leander Frog Safety Plan
    6. Quartermaster Agenda Action Item
    7. Re-visit the minutes where the commission discussed where they wanted to specifically place the three (3) art benches.

11. Closing Statements.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVED [signature] (7/8/26)

CHAIR Steve Kuwitzky

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON