



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

Development Services - San Gabriel Conference Room
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Wednesday, August 12, 2026
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 - Vacant
Staff Liaison - Greg Olmer, Deputy Director
of Parks and Recreation

REGULAR MEETING

1. Open Meeting.
2. Roll Call.
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.]
4. Staff Updates.
 - Budget: Financial report for Fund 10 and Fund 75 including funds spent in July 2026.
5. Subcommittee Updates.
 - Artfest: logistics and updates as of August.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

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

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Discuss and provide an update on recent City Council action on combining the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Public Arts and Culture Commission, and Historic Preservation Commission into one (1) board under the heading of the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Advisory Board.
8. Discuss and consider action on the Leander Public Art and Culture Master Plan draft to move the project forward to the next approval group for consideration.
9. Discuss and consider action on establishing preferred locations for art benches within the Leander park system.

10. Closing Statements.

11. Adjournment

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Greg Olmer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Greg Olmer, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
8/12/2026

AGENDA SUBJECT:

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

BACKGROUND:

Attached are the minutes for the meeting held on July 8, 2026.

HISTORY/TIMELINE:

APPLICANT/AGENT:

RECOMMENDATION:

PRESENTER:

Fiscal Impact

Attachments:

1. July 8, 2026 LPACC Meeting Minutes



**MINUTES
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1. Open Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

All board members were present except for board members Chmelar and Bollom.

3. Public comments on items not listed in the agenda.
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Kathy Bonardi commented that due to additional traffic from the public, she prefers that the America's 250th Mural not be displayed at the Leander Senior Activity Center (LSAC).

Mike Hererra and Laura Davis commented on the Leander Film Festival organization and shared the details of the upcoming film festival taking place on November 12th - 15th.

4. Staff Updates.

- Budget: Financial report for Fund 10 and Fund 75 including funds spent in June 2026
- Master Plan status update includes a workshop with City Council in September with the draft plan being shared in August with LPACC.
- Art Bench update: the locations of the benches are Devine Lake Park and Lakewood Park.

There was no change to the budget reports for Fund 10 and Fund 75 since the last meeting, held in June. The update included feedback from the Designing Local working on the LPACC Master Plan; edit names to reflect the current Mayor and City Council members. Timeline for the City Council workshop and virtual meeting with Meredith, the consultant, and board member Bollom to wrap up the edits on the draft.

The art bench update consisted of bench locations in Devine Lake Park and Lakewood Park; one (1) located at Devine Lake Park and two (2) located at Lakewood Park; and starting the RFP process for getting artists to decorate the art benches.

5. Subcommittee Updates.

- Juneteenth post-event wrap up discussion on co-hosted event between City of Leander and City of Cedar Park. Including logistics, safety, programming, vendors, and future event changes.
- Art Fest discussion including new theme, 'Down the Rabbit Hole', budget, and logistical plans for the event to be held on October 3, 2026.

Juneteenth Event Update: Board Member Bradford provided a recap of the recent Juneteenth event, reporting that it was highly successful and drew a large community turnout.

Leander Artfest: Down the Rabbit Hole Update: Board Member Panzarino provided an update on the design process for the event flyer, which is officially underway. The planned event structure will mirror previous Artfests, featuring vendor booths, a fairy house contest, shuttle services, children's contests, a fairy trail, and a wagon utilized as the main stage; and potential involvement of Leander ISD (LISD) high schools in the upcoming festivities.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

Motion: Approve the consent agenda.

By: Board Member Panzarino

Seconded: Board Member Pitcher

Vote: 7 - 0

6. Approval of the minutes for meeting held on May 13, 2026.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Discuss and consider action on ordering 1,000 coloring books from Minuteman Press for free distribution in the community and at Leander Public Art and Culture Commission's future events for an expenditure of \$1,438.38.

Motion: Approve ordering 1,000 coloring books from Minuteman Press for free distribution in the community and at Leander Public Art and Culture Commission's future events for an expenditure of \$1,438.38 after making the following changes to the images of the book:

1. Adding more drawings of native plants to the pictures.
2. Draw the frog in more appropriate poses.
3. Add in public spaces / historical landmarks / parks to the "Town Map".
4. Draw the frog wearing more clothing to be more covered up.

By: Board Member Pitcher

Seconded: Board Member Yeduru

Vote: 7 - 0

8. Discuss and consider action on nominations and election of new subcommittee appointments including: Chair / Vice Chair, Master Plan, Funding, Public Art Displays Project, Quatermaster / Booth Events, Devine Lake Frog Sculpture, Lakewood Park Sculpture Lease, MLK Event, Juneteenth Event, Art Fest Event, Old Town Christmas Festival Float, Social Media, America 250 Project, and Artist Registry.

Motion: Approve subcommittees list and the assigned board members.

1.	Chair / Vice Chair	Steve & Sammy
2.	Master Plan	Naruby
3.	Obtain Funding	Anna & Reddy
4.	Public Art Displays Project	Reddy & Lisa
5.	Quartermaster / Booth Events	Lisa & Steve
6.	Devine Lake Frog Sculpture	Sammy & Steve
7.	Sculpture / Art Pieces	Kyla & Steve
8.	MLK Event	Keysha & Matt
9.	Juneteenth Event	Keysha & Matt
10.	Artfest Event	Kyla & Sammy
11.	Old Town Christmas Festival Float	Kyla & Steve
12.	Social Media	Matt & Anna
13.	Liberty Fest Activity / Booth	Kyla & Reddy
14.	Artist Registry	Lisa & Kyla

By: Board Member Spady

Seconded: Board Member Panzarino

Vote: 7 - 0

9. Future Agenda Items.

1. Master Plan update
2. Devine Lake Frog Sculpture barrier

3. Art bench locations and solidifying placements
4. Art Fest logistics updates
5. Art bench RFPs progress
6. Senior Center Sculpture RFP progress

10. Closing Statements.

Board Member Kuwitzky thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for recognizing the veterans at Liberty Fest and providing food and VIP parking for them at the event.

Board Member Pitcher thanked the board for approving and moving forward with the America's 250th Mural project as it was a huge success.

Board Member Yeduru thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for their contributions to the community with the recent special events, stating that he has received a lot of wonderful feedback from the citizens on the different activities.

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED

CHAIR

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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AGENDA SUBJECT:

Discuss and provide an update on recent City Council action on combining the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Public Arts and Culture Commission, and Historic Preservation Commission into one (1) board under the heading of the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Advisory Board.

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting on July 16, 2026, the City Council approved the consolidation of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Leander Public Arts and Culture Commission, and the Historical Preservation Commission into a single advisory body. These entities currently function independently. The consolidation will occur through an ordinance that is expected to be placed on the August 20, 2026, City Council meeting agenda. Appointments to the newly formed board are scheduled for the second Council meeting in October, with terms commencing on November 1. The restructured board will be organized under the purview of the Parks and Recreation Department.

July 16, 2026 - City Council took action to consolidate the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Leander Public Arts and Culture Commission, and the Historical Preservation Commission into a single advisory body.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
8/12/2026

AGENDA SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider action on the Leander Public Art and Culture Master Plan draft to move the project forward to the next approval group for consideration.

BACKGROUND:

The Leander Public Art and Culture Commission (LPACC) has revised the existing plan based on initial feedback provided by the Leander City Council on June 5, 2025. Staff collaborated with Meredith, the consultant and the subcommittee to identify necessary updates and incorporate them into the latest draft. There were no additional costs/fees associated with the additional reviews/edits by the consultant. Commission Member Bollom will present this updated draft for Commission review.

If the Commission approves the LPACC Master Plan, it will be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for consideration. Following Board approval, the plan will move to a City Council Workshop for further discussion. Once all workshop revisions have been addressed, the plan will be scheduled for adoption at a future City Council meeting.

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AGENDA SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider action on establishing preferred locations for art benches within the Leander park system.

BACKGROUND:

The Leander Public Art and Culture has benches that are installed throughout the Leander park system. Three (3) additional benches will be arriving in Fall 2026 and a final placement location will be discussed. Issues to consider are prime locations for use, placement outside a flood-prone area, and ongoing access in case of maintenance needs.

HISTORY/TIMELINE:

A purchase order was created on July 18, 2025. LPACC previously reviewed the benches at their May 14, 2025, meeting. Final placement must be established before delivery of the benches, which is anticipated in September 2026.

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