

**MINUTES**

On August 12th, 2025, the Beautification and Public Arts Advisory Board met at 11:30 a.m. in the Parks and Recreation Board Room at 509 S. Johnson St. Street, for a Regular Meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Mr. Matt Morgan	YES	35	31
Ms. Katt Massey	NO	16	11
Ms. Beth Duke	YES	73	53
Ms. Stephanie Jung	NO	43	35
Ms. Kashion Smith	YES	24	20
Mr. Tommie T Knox	YES	6	5
Ms. Shanna Peeples	YES	7	5
Ms. Linda K Allen	YES	6	6

ATTENDEES:

MICHAEL KASHUBA	DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
CINDY PEREZ	BEAUTIFICATION AND PUBLIC ARTS COORDINATOR
ASHLEY GUERRERO	RECORDING SECRETARY
COURTNEY WHITE	ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

**ITEM 1 Call to Order and Announcements**

Chairman, Mr. Matt Morgan, established a quorum and called the regular scheduled meeting of the Beautification and Public Arts Advisory Board to order at 11:31 a.m.

**ITEM 2 Public Forum**

No public comments were made.

**ITEM 3 Discuss and Consider Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting minutes as written. The motion carried with a unanimous 6-0 vote.

**ITEM 4 The Beautification and Public Arts Board will Discuss or Receive Reports on the Following Current Matters or Projects:**

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- Art Pad Update:** The 10-foot-tall, 1,000-pound welded steel art display structure is nearing completion, designed and built by a local welding class. Featuring a solar panel and a vandal-resistant design, the structure includes innovative sliding panels that can be accessed from the top. Cody, a Park Maintenance team member and welding school graduate, will construct a second, slightly lighter version. Both structures will be showcased at the Hoodoo Mural Festival, accompanied by informational handouts and city art pad location maps. This project is part of a collaborative effort with Arts in the Sunset, where artists are currently experimenting with plexiglass designs. In partnership with local glassblowers, the team is also exploring techniques to suspend artwork inside the display boxes, creating a unique floating visual effect. The project invites artists working in a variety of mediums including murals, pottery, and sculpture to participate.
- No-Mow Habitats:** An update was given on the No-Mow Area initiative and designated pollinator patch at Rick Klein North Park. The program is designed to support local wildlife, enhance biodiversity, and reduce city maintenance costs. The pollinator patch, located a few feet off the sidewalk in less-trafficked areas, has successfully created a natural habitat for pollinators. Native wildflowers, including brown-eyed Susans, have already begun to flourish, with a broader variety expected to bloom in the upcoming spring season. Informational signage is scheduled to be installed to help educate park visitors on the environmental benefits of these natural areas. Due to the program’s success at Rick Klein North, the potential expansion to Thompson Park, and John Ward Park is currently under consideration.

The Board also addressed a concern raised by a resident regarding an increase in wildlife sightings—particularly snakes—at Rick Klein Park. Following discussion, the Board reached a consensus to maintain its support for the preservation of natural areas and to continue with the No-Mow Area initiative as planned.

3. **Event Activities:** The Parks Department is currently planning to participate in National Cleanup Day in September. In addition, a potential Arbor Tree Giveaway is being considered for November, though details are still under review. The department has also confirmed its participation in the upcoming Hoodoo Mural Festival.

**ITEM 5**      **Present, Discuss, and Consider Changing Mural Rules.** The contract has been updated to include a revised payment verification requirement. Under the new rule, proof of payment—such as canceled checks or other documentation—must originate from the applicant’s account. This measure is intended to ensure that businesses meet their matching payment obligations. A motion to adopt the change was made by Mrs. Kashion Smith and seconded by Mr. Tommie Knox. The motion passed unanimously, with six votes in favor and none opposed.

**ITEM 6**      **Discuss Item for Future Agenda:**

- Update on revised Grant Mural Rules

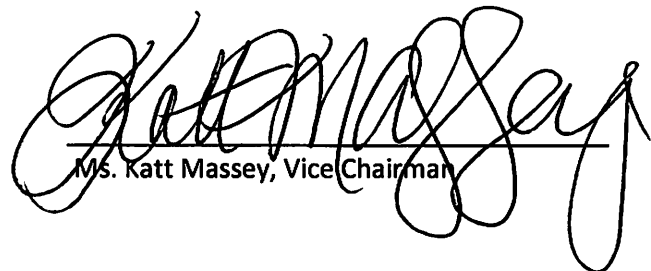
**ITEM 6**      **Adjournment:** Mr. Matt Morgan adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

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Ashley Guerrero, Recording Secretary

  
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Mr. Matt Morgan, Chairman

  
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Ms. Katt Massey, Vice Chairman