



CUYAHOGA FALLS
PUBLIC ART BOARD
MINUTES
March 5, 2026

Planning Division
2310 Second Street
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Thursday, March 5, 2026

Board Members Present: Danielle Dieterich, Vice Chair
Tom Sullivan, Secretary
C. Arthur Croyle
Mike Brillhart (Non-Voting)
Mark Gilles (Non-Voting)

Board Members Absent: Rick Krochka, Chair
Molly Hartong

Planning Division: Mary Spaugy, Development Director
Carrie Snyder, Asst. Development Director
Adam Paul, Asst. Planning Director
Lori Jones, Admin. Specialist

Ms. Danielle Dieterich called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. She explained the meeting process and asked if any members had a conflict with anything on the Agenda. With none stated, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Tom Sullivan read the Agenda into record.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Dieterich made a **motion** to re-elect the same slate of officers as the previous year, which is Mr. Rick Krochka as **Chair**, Ms. Danielle Dieterich as **Vice Chair**, and Mr. Tom Sullivan as **Secretary**. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. C. Arthur Croyle. With no objections, the **motion was APPROVED with a vote of 3-0**.

2026 WORK PLAN

Mr. Adam Paul thanked everyone for their continued service to the Board. He then went over the 2026 Work Plan Report, which included a summary of the projects slated to be done, a brief description, and timelines for each of them. The projects were:

1. Cuyahoga Falls Painting & Project at AMP Stage
2. Broad Boulevard Underpass- to split into phases
3. Creation of an Administrative Guide- a companion document to the Master Plan

Ms. Dieterich thanked Mr. Paul for going over the report, and then opened the item to the Board for questions and comments.

Mr. Croyle stated he has comments and questions about items 1 and 2. For number 1, he stated that he feels that this sounds like a simple project, but he would like to see a graphic project using fonts to give it character, illustrating the going from old to new, and giving it some quality, not a common pallet, and not made to look like a science fair project.

Ms. Dieterich spoke of the upper and lower walking areas, and stated that there could be "Cuyahoga Falls" on the ground for a photo opportunity that is visible in a certain location along the walk, and that this is a great way to get the community involved, and they will help paint it.

Mr. Paul stated that he expected to approach this project similarly to a mural, and he wants to have it done professionally, but would like to reach out in a way to request from artists organizations that are excellent in this space, rather than do a call to artists. Ms. Dieterich agreed that this would be a good idea.

Discussion ensued regarding how the words could be displayed and used by the public, and Mr. Paul stated that he would draft something for them to review.

Mr. Croyle questioned for item number 2, Broad Blvd., if the intent is to have a mural on 1 side or the other, and not on both sides.

Mr. Paul stated that he is actually suggesting that the Board look at barriers to create a pedestrian experience first., and do it in phases, and move the mural to later down the road.

Mr. Croyle stated that most people will cross the road on the north side, while walking, and that for a pedestrian experience, people see things better from further away. He suggested it may be a good idea to consider placing art opposite the side where people are walking for the most impact for the pedestrians.

Mr. Tom Sullivan stated that he walks there daily and the environment is very taxing with the salt and all of the vehicles, so the materials and supplies used will need to hold up to this. He questioned if railings are what is being considered.

Mr. Paul stated that he is not sure yet, as he does not know what is permissible, but he goal is to have people get around safely and to draw the attention of the motorists. He stated that this is all good feedback, and he hopes to create a protection while beautifying the area and allowing it to hold up as well.

Ms. Dieterich stated that this is a living, breathing, urban space, so a light installation vs. a mural may be a better fit. She stated that LED's are great and artists do really great things with them that create an artistic appeal and add safety too, especially in places where paints are hard to make work.

Mr. Sullivan stated that if they could also do something to make it uncomfortable for the pigeons with an artistic flair, that would be great too.

Mr. Paul stated that he has looked at light art, but he was not sure how ODOT would look at it, and he stated that some were very expensive.

Mr. Sullivan told him to look into Flex Neon.

Mr. Croyle stated that lights are art, they change the feeling. He stated that he is concerned about using them in a high-traffic area, as he would not want them to be where people blame the City for an accident because of the lights in any way.

Mr. Paul agreed, and stated that they need to be cautiously researched. He stated that he will incorporate a barrier, look at materials for the ground, and consider the vantage point of putting art across from the pedestrian walkway as well.

Mr. Croyle stated that if the art/light element is implemented, he feels it should be on a certain side of the street, that there is less issues with the traffic being a concern, and the Board agreed.

Mr. Dieterich questioned, in regard to item #3, the Administrative Guide, if Mr. Paul is putting this together by himself.

Mr. Paul stated that he is, but that he is not sure what exactly all will be in it yet, but that he would be happy to have any input.

Ms. Dieterich stated that she felt he gave himself a very short timeline to complete it, and he stated that he would be happy to have additional help, if anyone was interested.

With no further comments or questions from the Board members, Ms. Dieterich requested that a motion be made.

Mr. Croyle made the following **MOTION**:

The City of Cuyahoga Falls Public Art Board moves to approve the 2026 Annual Work Plan with the following stipulations:

1. Staff provide follow up budget confirmations based on parameters established by Public Art Board for annual projects.
2. Any new or additional projects using public dollars or space be presented to the board for review and certification.
3. Confirmation of rules for an administrative guide and maintenance fund parameters be presented to the board at a future meeting.

The **MOTION** was **seconded** by Mr. Sullivan.

With no further discussion, Ms. Dieterich requested a **Vote. The Vote to APPROVE the item: Yes- 3, No- 0. The MOTION is APPROVED with a vote of 3 to 0.**

MINUTES

September 11, 2025

With no comments or corrections, a **MOTION** was made by Ms. Dieterich to **APPROVE** the minutes from September 11, 2025. The **MOTION was seconded** by Mr. Croyle. **The Vote to APPROVE: Yes- 3, No- 0. The MOTION CARRIED with a vote of**

3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Mary Spaugy introduced herself and stated that the previous Director of Community Development, Diana Colavecchio, has retired, and she took her place. She then introduced Carrie Snyder, and stated that she is now the new Deputy Director. Everyone congratulated them for their new positions.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made to **adjourn** the meeting by Ms. Dieterich. The **MOTION was seconded** by Mr. Croyle. **The VOTE to APPROVE: Yes- 3, No- 0. The MOTION CARRIED with a vote of 3-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Minutes submitted by Lori Jones