



CUYAHOGA FALLS
PUBLIC ART BOARD
MINUTES
April 2, 2026

Planning Division
2310 Second Street
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221
330-971-8135

Thursday, April 2, 2026

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

Board Members Absent: None

Planning Division: Adam Paul, Asst. Planning Director
Lori Jones, Admin. Specialist

Mr. Rick Krochka called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. He 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.

Mr. Krochka opened the first item to the city.

ART-26-00006

Mr. Adam Paul thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He introduced himself and went over the staff report for the record.

Mr. Krochka closed the item to the city and opened it to the applicant.

Ms. Grace Nestor-Louie – 556 Silver Meadows Blvd. – stated that the owner of El Meson reached out to her requesting a mural with diversity and love expressed, and something that connects with the earth and growing does that. She spoke of the peppers flowing with the Mexican theme, corn radishes and the sunrise. She spoke of the artwork flowing over the stone of the building, and the mural that she had done in Kent the same way that provided an interesting dynamic to the piece. She stated that the owner of the building is on vacation, but when he returns, a letter of approval will be provided. She then discussed the anti-graffiti paint and that the contract for the work does not include this, however she has a clause in there that states he can hire her for repairs, if needed. She stated that doing repairs is cheaper than the paint, and graffiti artists do not usually mess with murals.

Mr. Krochka stated that her work is great, and then he closed the item to the applicant.

Ms. Danielle Dieterich stated that the anti-graffiti paint does have a UV protector in it and helps protect the artwork, she then questioned if there will be any UV protection in what is used. Ms. Nestor-Louie stated that she uses Sherwin-Williams exterior paints that are designed for this, not mural paints.

Mr. Arthur Croyle stated that the mural has unique graphics on it, and she explained that her letters/words were chosen for their farm look and their free-flow feel.

Mr. Krochka questioned how she came to know the owner, and she stated that he saw her work in Kent and reached out. She spoke of her botanical background, the fact that they met in July and she is here today.

Mr. Krochka stated that he will close the item to the applicant and open it to the public. With no public present he closed the item to the public and opened it to the Board.

Ms. Dieterich stated that the Board is here to be sure the work is done professionally and has longevity, and they feel it is.

Ms. Molly Hartong stated that she loves to see more things like this in the city.

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

Ms. Dieterich made the following **MOTION**:

The City of Cuyahoga Falls Public Art Board moves to certify the application for a mural at 657 Portage Trail on the south side (right side when facing from primary building façade) for El Meson Mexican Restaurant. Approval is based on the concept and rendering of "We are All Growing Together," developed by muralist Grace Nestor-Louie of Nestor Louie Studio, and subject to the following conditions:

1. Applications confirming sign details and façade changes, including projections or extensions from the building, be submitted with requisite building design and material details with elevations, prior to mural installation.
2. The applicant and owner have a clear understanding of the private artist and customer agreement and terms, including ownership, maintenance responsibilities, and any future transfer of such.
3. The applicant, tenant, and owner accept full responsibility for the upkeep and integrity of the mural for the life of its presence on the wall, which may be subject to inspection and exterior property maintenance standards of the City of Cuyahoga Falls.

The **MOTION** was **seconded** by Ms. Hartong.

With no further discussion, Mr. Krochka requested a **Vote. The Vote to APPROVE the item: Yes- 5, No- 0. The MOTION is APPROVED with a vote of 5 to 0.**

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With no comments or corrections, a **MOTION** was made by Mr. Croyle to **APPROVE** the minutes from March 5, 2026. The **MOTION was seconded** by Ms. Dieterich. **The Vote to APPROVE: Yes- 5, No- 0. The MOTION CARRIED with a vote of 5-0.**

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made to **adjourn** the meeting by Mr. Tom Sullivan. The **MOTION was seconded** by Mr. Croyle. **The VOTE to APPROVE: Yes- 5, No- 0. The MOTION CARRIED with a vote of 5-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by Lori Jones