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**STILLWATER PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2026**

723 S. Lewis Street, Room 2073
Stillwater, OK 74074
4:00 PM

Members Present: Kirsten Olds, Valerie Bloodgood, Tim Hodges, Katie Bean, Chief Public Affairs Officer Dawn Dodson, Deputy City Manager Christy Driskel, Barry Fuxa (4:06)

Members Absent: Cristy Morrison, Sara Brown

Staff: City Attorney Kimberly Carnley, Assistant City Attorney Ashlyn Garis, City Clerk Teresa Kadavy, Deputy City Clerk Autumn Flowers, Community Resources Director Stephanie Kinder, Website Content Manager Billy Fultz

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chief Public Affairs Officer Dawn Dodson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. General Orders

a.	Open Meetings Act Training. No action will be taken on this item. Assistant City Attorney Ashlyn Garis opened the meeting with Open Meetings Act Training. ACA Garis’s presentation established key points of the Open Meetings Act which included: ensuring transparency and public access to governmental processes, applied when a majority of the public body meets and conducts business, reviewed what constitutes a quorum, steps on how to avoid violating the Act, the timeline in which an agenda should be posted to the public, and what consequences members will face for breaking the Open Meetings Act.
b.	Overview of the Committee and discussion of Ordinances 3591 & 3600. No action will be taken on this item. Item b. started with each present committee member introducing themselves. Chief Public Affairs Office Dawn Dodson and City Attorney Kimberly Carnley covered

the overview of the Stillwater Public Art Committee and discussed the current Ordinances in effect. CA Carnley detailed that revisions are underway to adopt a new Ordinance that clarifies membership and non-voting roles within the committee. CPAO Dodson explained the committee's purpose, which is to enhance the cultural and aesthetic quality of life through public art. The responsibilities of each committee member also include selecting, installing, and preserving public art, managing the public art fund, developing selection guidelines, and creating an inventory of existing public art. The committee will make recommendations to City Council for final approval of items.

- c. Presentation of Early Childhood Coalition, "Let's Play," public art and education initiative. No action will be taken on this item.

Ashley Kruse, Child Development at Northern Oklahoma College, and Amy Hardin, Pediatrician, presented the Early Childhood Coalition, "Let's Play," initiative. During the presentation, Kruse displayed a QR code that each attendee got to scan with their personal device. Kruse stated these QR codes are linked to activities supporting early childhood development. Once scanned, you pick which art piece you are standing in front of and complete the game. Activities are tailored to different developmental levels and encourage parent-child engagement. Kruse discussed five pilot locations, including the Sister Cities Mural at Chris Salmon Plaza, "It's a Beautiful Day" in downtown Stillwater, "The Man Standing" in downtown Stillwater, the agricultural scene on the ProValue building with owner permission, and "The Paper" in downtown Stillwater. The Sister Cities Mural will be a soft launch location for "Let's Play," with all five locations launching in June 2026. CPAO Dodson mentions that the City of Stillwater will never place a QR code on private property without further discussion and permission from the owners. Partnerships were mentioned, with the Stillwater Public Library, Stillwater History Museum, and Visit Stillwater being a few to name. Kruse explains that the Early Childhood Coalition wants to create meaningful opportunities as early as possible since by age 3, 80% of their adult brain is already developed. DCM Driskel asked if there will be different questions after a certain amount of time the QR spends at the mural. Kruse answered no, stating they are planning on leaving the QR code up for a certain amount of time and then switching which public art piece the QR code will be placed at next. Olds was curious how childhood development is defined. Kruse explained that childhood development is looked at ages five and below and that they try to gear opportunities for those selected ages. Hardin gave clarification that there will be one QR code posted at all the selected public art pieces. Once scanned, you choose the public art piece you are in front of. This will greatly reduce the cost of printing as well, according to Hardin. CPAO Dodson thanked Ashley Kruse and Amy Hardin for their time and very educational presentation that each committee member is excited to experience.

- d. Presentation of Utility Box Art Program winners and history. No action will be taken on this item.

CPAO Dodson gave background information on the Utility Box Art Program, with the program starting in 2024 and continuing into 2025. Installations were paused to focus on the formation of the Stillwater Public Art Committee. CPAO Dodson explained that all installations are funded by sponsorships. During the explanation of sponsorships, CPAO Dodson made it clear that the donation from OnCue is not to be used for installations. Barry Fuxa was selected for two separate entries in the 2025 contest, being awarded before he applied and was selected to serve on the committee. Fuxa also abstained from voting. Hodges and Fultz measured locations for each art piece and are in the mockup stage where the pieces may be placed around Stillwater. All future installations will come before the committee for review. CPAO Dodson informed the committee that there is an art map located on stillwaterart.org.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Reports from Committee Members or Staff

Bloodgood questioned why all meetings for 2026 are labeled special. CA Carnley cleared up confusion, stating that a regular meeting schedule needs to be sent to the clerk by December 15th of the previous year. Since the committee was not established, all meetings in 2026 will be special meetings. Bloodgood asked how a committee member can schedule agenda items. CPAO Dodson answered, stating to send any agenda items to her since she makes the agenda.

5. Adjourn

MOTION BY OLDS, SECOND BY BLOODGOOD TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 16, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING.

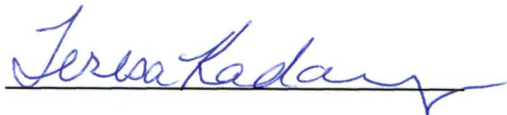
ROLL CALL: FUXA-YEA, OLDS-YEA, BLOODGOOD-YEA, HODGES-YEA, BEAN-YEA, DODSON-YEA, DRISKEL-YEA

MOTION CARRIED WITH SEVEN YEA VOTES.

Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.



Dawn Dodson, Chief Public Affairs Officer



Teresa Kadavy, City Clerk