PARKS AND ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 4th, 2026
4:00 PM
HELD IN PERSON & REMOTELY VIA ZOOM
22710 E COUNTRY VISTA DRIVE
LIBERTY LAKE, WA 99019

1. **Call to Order**
   Commissioner Hill called the May 4th, 2026 meeting of the Parks and Arts Commission to order at 4:00 PM.

2. **Roll Call**
   Commissioners Marked Present: Hill, Himebaugh, Schneidmiller, Frank, Loparco, Ferris, Hay, Edwards, Bollinger
   Commissioners Marked Excused: Bahr
   Commissioners Marked Absent:

3. **Approval of April 2026 meeting minutes**
   Prior to the approval of the April 2026 minutes, Commissioner Himebaugh requested the Story Walk design update vote be moved to agenda item 5 and out of agenda item 6. Commissioner Edwards motioned for approval of the April minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Loparco before carrying unanimously.

4. **Citizen Comments**
   No comments were made at this meeting.

5. **Action Items/Discussions/Presentations**

   VOTE- Subcommittee to Support Music Performance & Programming
   Commissioner Edwards proposed a subcommittee for the support of music performance and programming. Commissioner Ferris motioned for approval of the subcommittee, which was seconded by Commissioner Hay before carrying unanimously.

   Commissioners Hay, Loparco and Edwards volunteered for and will be on the subcommittee.

   Budget Discussion
   Commissioners discussed various projects slated for 2027 as they relate to the ongoing discussion of the 2027 budget.

   Artist Consultant Update
   Karen Mobley guided the conversation regarding the artist consultant update. The conversation centered around the next step of the process, the Call to Artists for the art installations slated for the new City Hall. The commission discussed details of the Call itself and the review process of the artwork/ artists submitted.

VOTE- Rocky Hill Mural Decision

Karen Mobley continued discussion with the Rocky Hill mural project by providing information and samples of the top three ranked artists which include Melissa Cole, Ellen Picken, and Joshua Thomas. The recommendation of the subcommittee is to move forward with Melissa Cole, and in the event she is unavailable, move to Ellen and then Joshua.

Commissioner Frank motioned for approval of the artist agreement to go to the subcommittee's recommendation, Melissa Cole, and so on if she is not available. Commissioner Himebaugh seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

VOTE- Commemorative Sticker Design

Mickael Stevens went over the six student submissions for the commemorative sticker design.

Commissioner Frank motioned for approval of design #3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schneidmiller before carrying unanimously.

VOTE- Story Walk Photos/ Update

Commissioner Himebaugh provided the updated Story Walk design. Installation of this new design, if the prototype is seen and approved, would take place in spring of 2027.

Commissioner Himebaugh motioned for authorization for SVT to proceed with the prototype to present to the commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Loparco before carrying unanimously.

6. Unfinished/ New Business

Pavillion Ticket Booth Update

Commissioner Frank provided a brief update on the project, noting that it should still get finished in 2026.

Kramer Art Update

Commissioner Frank provided the update for the Kramer Art installation.

Bike/ Pedestrian Safety Advisory Update

Commissioner Ferris provided a brief update regarding the E-Bike meeting that took place in April. The community bike ride will take place at the end of May and is free to sign up for.

LL Better Together Rock Garden Dedication, June 3rd

The dedication for the LL Better Together Rock Garden will take place on June 3rd at 1:00 PM at the NE corner of Pavillion Park.

7. Staff Report

Jennifer Camp provided the staff report to the commissioners, covering the staff related aspects of various ongoing projects.

Vandalism from E-Bikes has been an ongoing issue and signage for the parks is underway.

Mickael Stevens went over upcoming events such as Touch-A-Truck and the City's 4th of July event.

The City is applying for an RCO grant and the results of that will be available in April of 2027. The funds from this grant would go toward the Pavillion playground renovation project.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:35 PM.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule (tentative) - Regular Meeting, 1st Monday of the month

- The next meeting of the Parks and Arts Commission will take place on June 1st, 2026 at 4:00 PM.