



**MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
PUBLIC ART & PLACEMAKING ADVISORY BOARD
TOWER 101, SUITE 1100**

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE 101 NE 3RD AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301
DECEMBER 15, 2025 – 1:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS		January-December 2025	
		PRESENT	ABSENT
Martha Steinkamp, Chair	P	9	0
Phoenix Marks, Vice Chair	P	9	0
Jacqueline Garcia-Arteaga	P	2	0
Edison Lozada	P	1	0
Erica Mohan	P	6	3
Jodi Tanner	P	8	1
Elisabeth Wennberg	A	7	3

As of this date, there are 6 appointed members to the Board, which means 4 would constitute a quorum.

Staff Present

Joshua Carden, Cultural Affairs Officer, Staff Liaison
K. Cruitt, Recording Clerk, Prototype, Inc.

Communication to the City Commission

None.

Roll Call

Chair Steinkamp called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes – 11/17/2025

The following corrections to the November 17, 2025 minutes were requested.

- P.5, paragraph 5: Ms. Garcia-Arteaga had noted that if there is community outreach within City Commissioner Steven Glassman’s District, his office should be notified in order to help promote that outreach
- P.5, paragraph 5: Chair Steinkamp had stated that she would welcome any involvement by Commissioner Glassman on issues related to public art

Motion made by Ms. Tanner, seconded by Vice Chair Marks, to approve the minutes as amended. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

1. Welcome & Introductions

The Board and City Staff members present introduced themselves at this time, including returning Board member Edison Lozada.

2. Public Comment

No individuals were present to provide public comment.

3. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for 2026

Motion made by Ms. Tanner, seconded by Ms. Garcia-Arteaga, to nominate Phoenix as Chair. In a voice vote, Ms. Marks was elected Chair.

Motion made by Ms. Tanner, seconded by Mr. Lozada, to nominate Martha as Vice Chair. In a voice vote, Ms. Steinkamp was elected Vice Chair.

It was determined that the new Chair and Vice Chair would assume these roles beginning at the Board's January 2026 meeting.

4. 13th Street Roundabout Artist Selection Update (District 2)

Mr. Carden reported that he has spoken with representatives of the three artists shortlisted at the November 2025 meeting. The artists were informed that the deadline for submission of their final design packages is January 19, 2026. The design packages will be presented to the community and the Central City Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Advisory Board as well as to the Public Art and Placemaking Board members.

Ms. Tanner requested additional information about the presentation of the designs to the community as well as to the Board. Mr. Carden explained that the artists' renderings will go to the community for initial feedback in January 2026, followed by the CRA in February. The Board will interview the artists and make the final selection in March. The community and CRA will each have a deadline by which they must provide input on the designs.

Mr. Carden advised that the artists' proposals would be sent to the Board members upon receipt.

5. Sistrunk Overpass Mural Call to Artists (District 3)

Mr. Carden stated that City Commissioner Dr. Pamela Beasley-Pittman has requested that a welcome sign to Historic Sistrunk be included in next year's budget. He is preparing a call to artists for the sign, which will be presented to the Board at their January 2026 meeting for review. The project will be funded at \$49,000 and will be created on an overpass. The call to artists is written at \$40,000 in order to leave funding for the honoraria for shortlisted artists.

Mr. Carden continued that the project will also be a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) project, which requires a bond. \$7,000 in funding has been set aside for the bond, which will be restricted to the removal of the artwork if the need arises.

Mr. Carden noted that the call to artists currently allows submissions for either a painted mural or a fabricated sign. Following Board discussion, it was determined that the option of a sign would be removed, as it could lead to increased liability for the City and require more maintenance.

The proposed project will also require a Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan, including lane closures during the painting process. Because the proposed work will be located on an FDOT bridge, it will also require a Community Aesthetics Features agreement with FDOT, which may result in a delay. Previous agreements have taken as long as 18 months.

6. New Business / Board Comments

Chair Steinkamp advised that she has met with the Social Studies Department of Dillard High School to discuss the names proposed for the Unsung Heroes project by City Commissioner Dr. Beasley-Pittman. Mr. Carden added that the City has received one bid from a prospective vendor who will prepare the plaques for this project. The City's Procurement Office is finalizing the terms of the vendor agreement.

Vice Chair Marks asked if an update is available on the Riverwalk garage mural project. Mr. Carden replied that he has spoken with the artist, but does not yet have a new rendering of the proposed work.

Ms. Tanner reported that the recent Christmas on Las Olas event was a success, with nearly 30,000 attendees.

Vice Chair Marks encouraged the Board members to see an exhibit featuring women artists, which will remain on display through January 25, 2026.

Ms. Tanner thanked Chair Steinkamp for her service as Chair.

7. Communications to the Commission

None.

8. Adjournment

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Any written public comments made 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached hereto.

[Minutes prepared by K. McGuire, Prototype, Inc.]