



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
PUBLIC ART & PLACEMAKING ADVISORY BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
CONFERENCE ROOM 4  
700 NW 19TH AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33311  
APRIL 27, 2026 – 2:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS**

Phoenix Marks, Chair	P
Martha Steinkamp, Vice Chair	A
Jacqueline Garcia-Arteaga	P
Edison Lozada	A
Erica Mohan	P
Jodi Tanner	P

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  
Katrina Johnson, Community Services Department Acting Assistant Director  
Anna Allman, Cultural Affairs Coordinator  
K. Cruitt, Recording Clerk, Prototype, Inc.

**Communication to the City Commission**

None.

**Roll Call**

Chair Marks called the meeting to order at 2:47 p.m.

Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Mr. Carden read an email from Vice Chair Steinkamp, who was unable to attend today's meeting due to a professional commitment. The Vice Chair had reviewed the Board's edits to the proposed Public Art Ordinance from the April 20, 2026 meeting, and expressed concern with the lack of inclusion of public art program guidelines from either Americans for the Arts or the Florida Division of Arts and Culture. She recalled that she had previously provided this information to be shared with the Board, and requested that her email be included in the public record of today's meeting.

Mr. Carden continued that he had responded to Vice Chair Steinkamp's email to acknowledge that the information to which she referred had been shared with the Board members. He noted that the guidelines provided from the two entities were primarily administrative in nature and did not include language to be codified in an Ordinance. He had also requested that the Vice Chair share any specific language she might wish to be included in the discussion of the Ordinance.

Chair Marks observed that the Board's recommended changes to the Ordinance's language are more detailed than the guidelines provided from either of the two organizations. Mr. Carden confirmed that administrative guidelines or procedures can be amended more easily than a formal Ordinance, and would not need to be included in the Ordinance's language.

## **2. Public Comment**

None.

## **3. Public Art Ordinance Revision**

The Board members addressed the Public Art Ordinance beginning with Section 9-354. They recommended changes and/or clarifications which included but were not limited to:

- Capitalize "City Commission" throughout
- Replace "Public Art and Placemaking Program" with "Public Art Program" throughout
- Section 9-354, Item 6: delete the phrase "to make recommendations to the City Commission regarding"
- Section 9-354, Item 7: delete "private" and replace with "and public lands, public roads, and bridges"; replace "which" with "when such"
- Section 9-354, Item 8: delete "to perform all"; delete alternative language
- Section 9-355, Item 1: replace "Chairman" with "Chair"
- Section 9-355, Item 2: include reference to electing a Vice Chair; delete alternative section
- Section 9-356: add "The proposed art or element should not be political or religious in nature"

- Section 9-357: review Public Art Program Guidelines language to ensure consistency; add “or artist's team”; address formatting for criteria and selection process; include language referring to neighborhood testimony and/or feedback; include “Donations on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Public Art Board”; replace (o) with “Public input through City surveys or direct communication with the Public Art Board”  
Section 9-358: delete section on visibility of public art and placemaking projects; revise title to Ownership of Public Art Projects; replace existing language with language suggested by Broward County Cultural Division Director Phil Dunlap; also include language clarifying Visual Arts Rights Act (VARA) waiver requirements and exceptions to the VARA waiver process
- Section 9-359: move language originally in Section 9-358 addressing visibility of public art to this section and reference appropriate Florida Statute(s)

The Board members also noted grammatical, typographical, and formatting errors or inconsistencies to be addressed throughout the Ordinance. They also reviewed changes made to the portion of the Ordinance originally reviewed at the April 20, 2026 meeting.

Community Services Department Acting Assistant Director Katrina Johnson advised that the Board's recommended changes will be transmitted to the City Attorney's Office for review. She will review the document's formatting before it is sent to the City Attorney's Office. The Ordinance will not be returned to the Board unless the City Attorney's Office has questions. Following that Office's review, the document will be sent to the City Commission.

**Motion** made by Ms. Tanner, seconded by Ms. Garcia-Arteaga, to approve the changes we made for the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9, Building and Construction, Article 10, In General, with all of its changes, and submit to the City Attorney for final comments and to be promoted to the City Commission's Agenda for review and a vote. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

It was noted that the Board would also review the Public Art Guidelines and discuss updating them as necessary. The guidelines do not require a formal vote by the City Commission and may be amended at any time, as they are not an Ordinance. They will be transmitted to the Board members in advance of the next scheduled meeting.

#### 4. **New Business / Board Comments**

Ms. Tanner requested an update on the Unsung Heroes at Little Lincoln Park project, which had been discussed at the April 20, 2026 meeting. Mr. Carden confirmed that he had spoken with Commissioner Dr. Pamela Beasley-Pittman's Office, which had indicated that the Commissioner preferred the title Local Legends' Legacies.

**5. Communications to the Commission**

None.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 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.]