



City of Arts & Innovation

CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD **DRAFT MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, January 21, 2026, 3:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: J. Brown, K. Castellanos, A. Hudson, C. McDoniel, D. Nelson, G. Ramirez, J. Sisson
ABSENT: NONE
STAFF: S. Watson, T. Torres, J. Eguez, I. De Honor

Chair McDoniel called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the audience.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice-Chair Sisson pulled Item 4 for discussion. The Consent Calendar was approved as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2026 were approved as presented.

CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD ATTENDANCE

The absence of Chair McDoniel from the December 17, 2025 regular meeting of the Cultural Heritage Board was excused.

Motion by Board Member Ramirez and Seconded by Vice-Chair Sisson to approve items 2 and 3 of the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, 1 Abstention

AYES: Brown, Castellanos, Hudson, Nelson, Ramirez, Sisson
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTENTION: McDoniel



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DISCUSSION

2025 FOURTH QUARTER REPORT ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACTIVITY

The 2025 Quarter Report on historic preservation activity was pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion. After discussion, there was a motion by Vice-Chair Sisson and seconded by Board Member Brown to approve Item 4 with the amendment of updating the year from 2025 to 2026.

Motion Carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, 0 Abstention

AYES: Brown, Castellanos, Hudson, McDoniel, Nelson, Ramirez, Sisson

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTENTION: NONE

WORKSHOP

WORKSHOP OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE PREPARATION OF THE FAIRMOUNT PARK MASTER PLAN

Pamla Galera, Parks and Recreation Director, along with Rick Barret and Laurie Matthews of Preservation and Planning Design at MIG gave a presentation on the Fairmount Park Master Plan. There were 6 public comments. Following the presentation, the Board suggested reaching out to groups and organizations that regularly visit the Park to provide input in its master plan and to make a plan to recognize and celebrate indigenous tribes. After discussion, Chair McDoniel thanked Ms. Galera for the presentation and it was received and filed.

Board Member Hudson left the meeting at this time due to a personal obligation.



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CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD ATTENDANCE

Discuss the absence of Board Member Hudson from the December 17, 2025 regular meeting of the Cultural Heritage Board. After discussion, it was moved by Board Member Castellanos and seconded by Board Member Ramirez to excuse the absence of Board Member Hudson from the Cultural Heritage Board.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes, 1 Noes, 1 Absent, 0 Abstention

AYES: Brown, Castellanos, McDoniel, Ramirez, Sisson

NOES: Nelson

ABSENT: Hudson

ABSTENTION: NONE

RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE WOMEN OF RIVERSIDE HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT

Scott Watson, Historic Preservation Officer, gave a presentation on the Women of Riverside Historic Context Statement. There was no public comment. After discussion, Chair McDoniel thanked Mr. Watson for the presentation, and it was received and filed.

RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE 2025 WORKPLAN AND DISCUSS THE DRAFT 2026 WORKPLAN FOR THE CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD

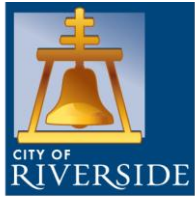
Mr. Watson gave a presentation on the 2025 Workplan and discussed the draft 2026 Workplan for the Cultural Heritage Board. There was one public comment. After discussion, Chair McDoniel thanked Mr. Watson for the presentation and it was received and filed.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND UPDATE FROM CITY PLANNER AND BOARD MEMBERS

Judy Eguez, Senior Planner, informed the board that Brian Norton will be ending his Acting City Planner Duties at the end of this month. Matthew Taylor will continue to be acting City Planner starting February. February's meeting will include a Mills Act workshop.

Vice-Chair Sisson requested that a courtesy notice be sent out to the Board Members prior to agenda publication when there is an MND and EIR on the agenda.



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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m. to the meeting of February 18, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.