



Arts and Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 9, 2026 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Regular Commission Meeting
Skinner Store Building ~ 111 Greenwood Rd., Blue Lake ~ Behind City Hall

1 **1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:30p.m by chair Ruah Phillips

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3 **2. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum of the Commission:**

4 **Commissioner's Present:** Chair Ruah Phillips, Vice Chair Barbara Russell, Secretary
5 Sherri Green, and Commissioner Seamus Kistner

6 **Commissioners Absent:** None

7 **Council Liaison:** Mayor John Sawatzky

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9 **3. Approval of the Agenda –**

10 **Motion by Barbara Russell to approve agenda. Second by Sherri Green**

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12 **4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

- 13 • John Sawatzky: Informed commission of potential consolidation of commissions,
14 clarified that no decisions have been made and that commissioner input is preferred

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16 **Items for Commissioner Discussion or Action**

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18 **5. Appointment of Vice Chair per Resolution 1202**

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20 **Public Comment: None received**

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22 **Motion by Sherri Green to appoint Barbara Russell as the Vice Chair. Second by Ruah**
23 **Phillips.**

24 **Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously**

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26 **6. Brown Act Overview by Commission Liaison:**

27 A brief video was played for the commissioners regarding the key takeaways from the
28 Brown Act as it relates to their roles

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30 **Public Comment: None received**

31 ***No action was taken.***

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33 **7. Approve Minutes for December 8th 2025 Meeting**

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35 **Public Comment: None received**

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37 **Motion by Barbara Russell to approve the minutes with corrections. Second by Seamus**
38 **Kistner**

39 **Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously**
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8. Follow up on Land Acknowledgment:

Barbara Russell read the draft proposal for discussion.

Public Comment: None received

Motion by Barbara Russell to approve the draft Land Acknowledgement. Second by Sherri Green.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously

9. Community Listening Circles:

Barbara worked on this with a community member and will provide more information about this for the next meeting.

Public Comment: None received

No action was taken

10. A&H Commission Survey Draft Review:

The Commission discussed different ways to distribute the survey. Will take recommendations and come back with reformatted survey for next meeting.

Public Comment:

- Elise Scafani: Suggested minor edits to the questions on the survey to get more of a feel of *why* people come to Blue Lake

Motion by Barbara to move forward with plan. Second by Seamus

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously

11. City Logo

Ruah came up with some alternative options for the City Logo after receiving feedback about the logo. Commissioners discussed options and decided on the four that they wanted to present to the City Council

Public Comment:

- Elise Scfani: Liked the yellow the best, but recommended changing colors of trees to match each other

Motion by Barbara Russell to take the agreed upon options to City Council. Second by Seamus.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously



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12. Banners on Greenwood Ideas:

The Commission discussed the possibilities of banners for the Chamber of Commerce.

Public Comment: None received

No action was taken

13. Murals:

Sherri suggested restoring the mural in town rather than finding a new place for another mural. A local artist has been contacted and expressed interest in possibly restoring the mural. The commission talked about different possibilities related to the restoration of this mural and the item will be brought back for further discussion.

Public Comment: None received

No action was taken

14. Oral History Project:

The commission explored the idea of partnering with the local museum to record oral histories from long-time Blue Lake residents. The commission will do further research and bring it back for further discussion.

Public Comment: None received

No action was taken

15. Upcoming Absence:

Ruah informed the commission that she would be taking a leave of absence and that the duration is unknown.

Public Comment: None received

16. Future Agenda Items

- Community Listening Circles
- Mural Updates
- Oral History Project
- Survey Update
- Logo Update

Motion by Barbara to adjourn. Second by Sherri.

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously and the Commission adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Prepared by: Sherri Green (Secretary) & Samantha Green (City Clerk)