

**Arts Council Meeting Agenda
City of Prairie Village
Community Center, 7820 Mission Road
Wednesday, July 15, 2026
5:30 PM**

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of the Agenda

III. Public Participation

Participants may speak for up to three minutes. To submit written comment to the Council regarding current agenda items, please email cityclerk@pvkansas.com prior to 3 p.m. on the meeting date. Comments will be shared with Councilmembers prior to the meeting.

IV. Consent Agenda

All items listed below are considered to be routine by the Governing Body and will be enacted by one motion (roll call vote). There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the regular agenda.

A. Consider Approval of May 2026 Meeting Summary

V. City Council Report

VI. Current Year Financial Update

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VII. Old Business

A. Public Art Master Plan Update

VIII. New Business

IX. Planning Meeting

A. Past Show/Event Report

B. Upcoming Show/Event Planning

i. State of the Arts (9/16/2026)

ii. Recollections at Meadowbrook Show (10/14/2026)

iii. Special Olympics Gallery Opening (11/18/2026)

C. Marketing Update

D. Planning Ahead

E. General Updates

X. Informational Items

XI. Adjourn

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PRAIRIE VILLAGE ARTS COUNCIL | MEETING MINUTES
PV Community Center, City Hall
May 20, 2026
5:30 PM

BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm. Council members present were:

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| ☒ Abby Magariel | ☒ Maddie Samuel |
| ☒ Amy Bagnall | ☐ McKay Stangler |
| ☐ Ashley Lata | ☐ Molly Albers |
| ☒ Bob Bahr | ☒ Renee Duvall |
| ☒ Bonnie Limbird | ☒ Ian Graves, city council co-chair |
| ☒ Elizabeth Sellers | ☐ Andy Logan, city council co-chair |
| ☐ Joanna Polley | ☒ Nickie Lee, staff member |
| ☒ Joe Hoffman | ☐ __, student member |

Kate Conway, student at Shawnee Mission East, joined us at this meeting to see what we're all about and see if she'd like to be a student member of our committee. She is a rising sophomore and loves photography, and will be a Hauberk (yearbook) photographer in the next school year. Then we went around and introduced ourselves too.

The agenda was approved unanimously. Abby moved, Bonnie seconded.

Public Participation: see above about Kate.

The **Consent Agenda** was approved unanimously - Betsy moved, no second required.

City Council Report. (Ian)

- City Council approved the Arts Council's 2027 budget request.
- City Council is anecdotally in favor of the PVAC Arts and Culture Plan (no objections received).
 - o The TGT funding for this makes it pretty easy.
- Community Survey results were presented at the last meeting. Overall, approval ratings were high for services and amenities in the City.
- England football team will be staying at Meadowbrook Park Inn for the World Cup 2026.
 - o Park will start prepping for security on June 8
 - o Restaurants will be closed during their stay
 - o Rest/most of park will still be open though
 - o PVPD and JoCo Sheriff will be doing security and transport security for the teams to Swope Village fields

Nickie gave the **Current Year Financial Update**.

- City contribution has been transferred into our account, so our current balance is around \$16k.
- Expenses are low so far for the year, which is typical this time of year.

Old Business:

- Status Update on Arts & Culture Plan -
 - o The kickoff meeting with the community committee has happened and they even did a second mini meeting for additional members of the Arts Council that wanted to keep up to date.
 - o Group Creative has also been doing interviews with local educators, legislators, and art community movers and shakers.

- Our next meeting may be virtual due to the lack of hotel rooms around World Cup time. It will be after the PV Art Show and will be reporting back on what they learned from that community engagement.
- They're going to be doing on-demand poetry based on some prompts, encouraging visitors to fill out the online survey, fill out a paper hand out, tag different types of art on display (photos) that the community members are drawn to.
- Local volunteers will be expected to aid Huascar Medina (poet) and help him with the community.
- **Nickie will resend the signup genius link again to the steering committee to get our open slots filled.**
([https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BADAA2EA5FEC52-63760370-pvart#/\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BADAA2EA5FEC52-63760370-pvart#/)
- Maddie asked that clipboards and pens be provided. Nickie will ask Lorin with Group Creative if they're providing those.
- Bonnie and Nickie will coordinate for the opening night of the Show since Bonnie is part of the first volunteer crew.
- Committee concurred that a written update to City Council is appropriate at a mid-point time TBD.

New Business:

- Kansas Arts Network Conference - 7/22-24 in Wichita: **get back to Nickie if you'd like to go.** It's in the budget to send 1-3 people.
- Committee T-shirt purchase: 75th Anniversary t-shirts are available if we'd like to purchase some to wear at the Art Show to help identify ourselves. They're \$10 each, and we have some leeway in the Arts Council budget to cover them. The committee opted to pass on this opportunity and just wear their nametags.
- Nickie passed out nametags for our new members.
- Discuss change to EntryThingy from Call for Entry platform. Bonnie updated the committee on CaFE's lack of customer service, and the benefits of the new platform. Bonnie will send the previous CaFE contract to Maddie to review for our data access. Amy moved to go with EntryThingy, Betsy seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- Approve purchase for Meadowbrook supplies - Amy moved to purchase a bin and supplies not to exceed \$100, Betsy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 6:35pm

PLANNING MEETING

Past Show/Events

The March show installation and reception were successful.

Someone saw a piece of work at Meadowbrook that they'd like to purchase. The committee agreed that they can do that sale direct (without going through the City and paying 10%) per our recent policy change.

Upcoming Event Updates

- PV Art Show - see above during Arts & Culture Plan update
- VillageFest - we'll have a presence this year. Molly and Ashley are working on this.
- July: SEE Kansas show - Bonnie
 - Will be at both galleries
- State of the Arts / Recollections (Poetry & Printmaking) - Bonnie
 - Working on the SotA call for entry to be posted on June 19th. Reception is Sept. 16.
 - Date for Recollections reception is October 14 at Meadowbrook. Bonnie to update Arts google calendar to send this to the committee.
- Special Olympics of Kansas show & Pizza Party - does SOKS handle the sales? Who gets their money from the sales? Will we have backfill art to replace art that is sold? To be held in the

Gallery, Chambers, and Community Center. Nickie to send committee questions to our SOKS contact and report back.

Committees

- Marketing
 - Amy will be transitioning social media duties to Molly.
 - Renee will take on the coordination of the subcommittee and planning those meetings
 - Renee, Amy, Bob, Molly, Bonnie, Joe
 - Bob is planning to write a story on Huascar Medina, our poet for the Arts & Culture Plan and Mary Gage for SEE Kansas. Bonnie to send contact info.

Planning Ahead/Next Meeting

- Discuss Google Drive
- Review our 2024/25 strategic planning outcomes and three focus areas for new members.

General Updates:Ongoing/Other

- Bonnie shared info about JoCo Library's 2026 **Library Lets Loose** event which she and her husband are honorary hosts of. **This year's theme is the 80's!!** Purchase your tix here:
<https://eventsupporter.onecause.com/event/organizations/8d9df5df-b528-4d51-a78a-7336ee663055/events/vevt:cffbf28-2893-4edb-8d06-37c2d4d59c91/home/story>

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PV Arts Council 2026 Financial Report

**Starting Balance as of 12/31/2025 =
\$5,453**

Revenues				
Description	2026 Budget	2026 Actual	Collected	Budget Remaining
Donations	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	100%	\$ -
City Contribution	15,000	15,000	100%	\$ -
Entry Fees	5,500	-	0%	\$ 5,500
Art Sales	-	103	0%	\$ (103)
Interest Income	20	1	3%	\$ 19
Miscellaneous	-	-		\$ -
Total	\$ 22,520	\$ 17,103	203%	\$ 5,417

Expenditures				
Description	2026 Budget	2026 Actual	% Budget Spent	Budget Remaining
State of the Arts	\$ 6,650	\$ -	0%	\$ 6,650
Marketing	2,000	135	7%	\$ 1,865
Website	25	346	1384%	\$ (321)
Bi-Monthly Receptions	2,000	627	31%	\$ 1,373
Art of Photography Event	6,200	-	0%	\$ 6,200
Arts Council/Shooting Stars	1,400	1,400	100%	\$ -
PV Art Fair	1,500	2,000	133%	\$ (500)
Miscellaneous	3,000	186	6%	\$ 2,815
Total	\$ 22,775	\$ 4,694		\$ 18,081

**6/30/2026 =
\$17,863**

PV Public Arts Fund 2026 Financial Report

**Starting Balance as of 12/31/2025 =
\$50,170**

Revenues			
Description	2026 Budget		2026 Actual
Donations	\$	-	-
City Contribution		10,000	10,000
Balance Transfer		-	-
Sponsorships		-	-
Interest Income		-	3
Miscellaneous		-	-
Total	\$	10,000	\$ 10,003

Expenditures			
Description	2026 Budget		2026 Actual
Public Art Purchase		-	-
Public Art Master Plan		-	10,000
Total	\$	-	\$ 10,000

**6/30/2026 =
\$50,173**



Old Business: Public Art Master Plan Update

Recommendation

Background

Provide an update on the Public Arts and Culture Master Plan Process.

Fiscal Note

Attachments

1. Prairie Village Emerging Themes for Art & Culture Plan_June 2026

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May 21, 2026

EMERGING THEMES

FOR PRAIRIE VILLAGE'S ART AND CULTURE PLAN JUNE 2026

This brief summarizes the themes and insights gained from Phase 1 of the planning process. The goal of this document is to confirm what was heard, and identify potential areas of focus for the Art and Culture Plan. (These are not goals or action steps - those will come in Phase 3.) Input gathered during Phase 1 included:

- Online Survey with 274 responses & online idea board with 100+ interactions
- 3 focus groups: city staff, high school students and Prairie Village Arts Council
- Booth at Prairie Village Art Fair with 500+ visitors
- One-on-one interviews with 8 community leaders
- Steering committee meeting
- Review of existing community plans and data
- Site visits by consulting team

Project timeline overview:

- Phase 1, Input and Engagement - Completed
- Phase 2, Analysis - Completed (this document)
- Phase 3, Create Art & Culture Plan - Jul-Oct 2026
- Phase 4, Activate Plan with 2 Pilot Projects - Nov 2026-Dec 2026



PRAIRIE VILLAGE
THE STAR OF KANSAS



PRAIRIE VILLAGE TODAY - ASSETS AND CHALLENGES

Creating an art and culture plan requires an understanding of Prairie Village's cultural landscape. The plan will build on existing assets and identify how art can be used to address community challenges. The 5 most frequently mentioned assets are:

EXCEPTIONAL WALKABILITY

Residents value the ability to safely walk or bike from residential neighborhoods to commercial areas and schools. Cut-through paths in parks and neighborhoods contribute to both charm and connectivity.

TREE CANOPY AND BEAUTIFUL PARKS

Prairie Village enjoys street canopies of mature trees and many well-loved parks like Meadowbrook, Harmon, Franklin and Taliaferro.

SMALL TOWN CHARM, KIND PEOPLE

Many residents describe the community as "warm" and friendly, with a close-knit neighborly vibe. Residents are involved in civic groups and volunteer committees.

SAFE & CLEAN, WITH GOOD SERVICES

Safety and cleanliness are a high priority for Prairie Village. Residents agree that the city offers high quality services and infrastructure.

STRONG SCHOOLS, FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Safe streets, great parks and strong schools make Prairie Village an appealing place to raise a family.

OTHER STRENGTHS

Less frequently mentioned, but notable:

- Quality community festivals & traditions
- Strong base of art patrons
- Strong high school arts program



CHALLENGES AND GAPS

Frequently mentioned challenges include:

- Housing Affordability - Residents are concerned to see smaller homes torn down and replaced with less affordable homes. Rising property taxes bring financial pressure.
- Political Division - Residents cite a divisive political climate and spread of misinformation.
- Lack of Diversity - PV has limited racial and socioeconomic diversity, and some feel that the community has a reputation of exclusivity.
- E-Bikes - Some residents are concerned about the safety of young people on motorized bikes and scooters.
- Lack of community gathering spaces
- Lack of spaces for artists for performance, exhibit, and practice
- Environmental concerns, including stormwater issues causing water damage.

OPPORTUNITIES - AREAS OF FOCUS FOR ART & CULTURE

The results of Phase 1 suggest potential focus areas for the next phase of the plan. The topics and locations below are based on all plan inputs, and a desire to use the arts to address community challenges and build on its assets.

LEVELING UP OUR WALKABILITY

The community values its strong walkability, and art can further enhance this strength.

- Art pieces along paths and trails, including informal “cut-through” paths and the Tomahawk creek trail.
- Artistic illumination can make evening walks safer and more comfortable.

UNIFYING ACROSS BORDERS AND DIVISIONS

The hard lines of Prairie Village’s geographic and ideological borders could be softened through artistic intervention and more “third spaces.”

- Geographic borders: Art installations at borders with Kansas City & Overland Park can serve as a welcome feature, while acknowledging the cultural significance of these “lines.”
- Ideological division: Art can be used as a tool for unification, to bridge divides of identity & ideology and show that all are welcome in the community.
- Third spaces: New gathering spaces for all ages can foster more community interaction & unity.

ENHANCING CIVIC SPACES & INFRASTRUCTURE

These civic spaces are identified as a top priority for cultural enhancements.

- Parks - Interactive experiences & gathering spaces for Harmon Park (including pool area), Franklin Park and others
- New City Hall - Opportunities for art integration in and around building
- Key street corridors - 75th, Mission Rd
- Historic Statuaries - How can these be re-imagined and re-contextualized to help contribute to local lore?
- Stormwater Infrastructure - Artistic treatments can beautify and draw attention to this important issue.
- Commercial plazas: Village Shops & Corinth Square

SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ARTIST ECO-SYSTEM

Prairie Village has a strong arts community, both in terms of artists and art patrons. How can this be nurtured and grown?

- Identify potential gaps in available spaces for local artists to exhibit, perform and practice.
- Foster neighborhood-level connections between artists and residents, such as through art shows or studio tours.

THEMES TO BUILD ON FOR ART AND CULTURE

Public art and cultural programs must respond to the assets and character of the community, making them uniquely “Prairie Village.” A few examples of themes that could be incorporated into art and programming include (but are not limited to):

Historic Trails

In the 1800s, 3 major historic trails - the Santa Fe, Oregon and California - passed through the land where Prairie Village sits today. Santa Fe Trail ruts still remain at Santa Fe Trail park.

Statuaries

Shortly after its founding, statuaries were placed around the community. Each has its own unique story, which can be contextualized for the modern era.

Residential Architecture

Prairie Village neighborhoods are defined by mid-century architecture. The community has made efforts to preserve these historic styles - striving to balance preservation of historic character with market demands of modernization. New art pieces can draw inspiration from the lines and styles of the historic architecture.

Hidden Spaces and Trails

Residents talk with delight about the informal cut-through paths that lead through parks and neighborhoods, including the “spooky” path at Taliaferro Park. Other “hidden” spaces include Highland Cemetery, tucked in a neighborhood.

Trees, Trees, Trees

When asked about their vision of the future of Prairie Village, no theme was more prominent than trees and nature. Residents are proud of the mature tree canopy and green spaces of their community. Prairie Village public art can be inspired by and/or integrated with nature.

Desire for Unity

Historic “red-lining” practices used in Prairie Village’s founding left a lasting impact, yet they stand in contrast to residents’ current vision of a community that is inclusive and unified. Artistic themes of unification can address this modern vision while remembering the complexities of the past.

Franklin Park’s Equestrian History

Franklin Park has a largely forgotten history as a polo club. Art installations could highlight this equestrian past.



PUBLIC VIEWS ON ART & CULTURE - QUICK SURVEY INSIGHTS

RESIDENTS ARE POSITIVE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

- 82% say they are “proud to say I live in this community”
- 80% say “this community has a good reputation”
- 83% say they are “very” or “somewhat” satisfied with Prairie Village as a place to live
- Residents are slightly less positive about the future: 48% believe that Prairie Village will be “much better” or “somewhat better” 5 years from now, while 16% believe it will be worse

WHAT MAKES PRAIRIE VILLAGE UNIQUE FROM OTHER PLACES?

Top answers:

- Small-town feel & sense of community
- Walkability
- Parks, green space and trees
- Safety
- Good schools
- Well-kept homes and infrastructure

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM FACING THIS COMMUNITY TODAY?

Top answers:

- Housing: Affordability, tear-downs and loss of neighborhood character, gentrification
- Rising property taxes
- Lack of diversity; reputation for exclusivity
- Political division and misinformation

DESIRE FOR MORE ART & CULTURE

- Only 45% agree that “there are plenty of opportunities” to take part in art & culture activities in Prairie Village
- Only 38% agree that “There are *many different kinds* of arts and cultural activities” in Prairie Village

WHAT’S A PLACE IN PRAIRIE VILLAGE WITH UNTAPPED POTENTIAL?

Top answers:

- Former YMCA Site
- Vacant Church at 75th & Belinder
- Corinth Library
- Harmon Park
- Mission Road Corridor
- Corinth Shops & Village Shops
- Land around radio tower
- Parks and green spaces
- City Hall

PURPOSE OF ART & CULTURE

- “What is the most important purpose of Prairie Village’s arts and culture?”

Top 2 answers:

- Improve aesthetic quality (22%)
- Create sense of place (20%)
- “The arts unify us, regardless of age, race, ethnicity” - 73% agree with this statement

DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FUNDING THE ARTS?

- 87% in favor of funding for:
 - Parks, downtown, public places
 - Beautifying unattractive areas
- 70-72% in favor of funding for:
 - Programs for under-served populations
 - To support existing arts organizations
 - To support at-risk youth

PV RESIDENTS ARE ARTISTS

% engaging in artistic activity in last year.

Top 5 answers:

- 47%: painting, drawing, sculpture
- 43%: photography
- 42%: dancing
- 41%: singing
- 39%: crocheting, quilting, knitting, etc.