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**ROANOKE ART & HISTORY
TRAIL COMMITTEE AGENDA
MARCH 18, 2026
6:30 PM**

**ROANOKE CITY HALL
FIRST FLOOR - CONFERENCE ROOM #102
500 S. OAK STREET
ROANOKE, TEXAS 76262**

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PUBLIC INPUT

This item is available for citizens to address the Art and History Trail Committee on any issues that are not the subject of a public hearing. No action by law may be taken on the topic. The presiding officer reserves the right to impose a time limit on this portion of the agenda.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Consideration and action on approval of the minutes from the regular Art and History Trail Committee meeting held on February 18, 2026.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Update on current projects
2. Consideration and action on approving funds for chalk mural

E. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above notice was posted at City Hall, 500 South Oak Street, Roanoke, Texas, on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, by 5:00 pm, in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.



AGENDA FOR THE ROANOKE
ART & HISTORY TRAIL COMMITTEE
MEETING

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Lindsay Rawlinson, City Secretary

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Roanoke Art & History Trail Committee **AGENDA ITEM**

TO: Art and History Trail Committee Members

SUBJECT: Approval of the Minutes

MEETING DATE: March 18, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Visitor Center/Museum

ITEM SUMMARY:

Approval of minutes from the February 18, 2026 meeting

INFORMATION:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. AHTC Min 2-18-2026

Brian Darby, Member
Melissa Diorio, Member
Sharon McTernen, Vice Chairperson



Alicia Young, Chairperson

Lee Lewis, Member
Elizabeth Ellenbecker, Member
Tracie Merchant-Leatherwood, Member

**ROANOKE ART AND HISTORY TRAIL
COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2026
6:30 P.M.**

**ROANOKE CITY HALL
FIRST FLOOR – CONFERENCE ROOM #102
500 S. OAK STREET
ROANOKE, TEXAS 76262**

Present: Chairperson Alicia Young; Vice Chairperson Sharon McTernen; Committee Members: Brian Darby, Melissa Diorio, and Elizabeth Ellenbecker.

Dept. Staff: Library Director Kelly Holt and Curator of Collections Kelli Thomerson.

Absent: Lee Lewis, Tracie Merchant-Leatherwood

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Art and History Trail Committee meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

B. PUBLIC INPUT

This item is available for citizens to address the Committee on any issues that are not the subject of a public hearing. No action by law may be taken on the topic.

No public input provided.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Motion made by Elizabeth Ellenbecker second by Melissa Diorio to approve the minutes from the regular Art and History Trail Committee meeting held on October 15, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. City Staff Report on Current Projects.

Kelly Holt reported the following: A sealed engineer's plan for the installation has been received by Public Works and excavation will begin soon. The work is



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estimated to be complete before the first Evenings on Oak Street concert scheduled for April 9, 2026.

April 9, 2026 is the tentative date for a ceremony to unveil the new sculpture. Committee members suggested an outdoor-concert themed gift basket as a door prize and arts-inspired favors for the public.

Jessica Bell will install a new sculpture called "Soar" at the Roanoke Public Library on February 28, 2026. Committee members are invited to view it anytime.

2. Discussion of FY26 priorities.

Committee members expressed interest in focusing on sponsoring events this year rather than larger works. Ideas introduced included: create an artisan area at Celebrate Roanoke (2026) with free exhibition and vendor spaces, sponsor performances like a live chalk mural rendering during Taste and Tunes (either 2026 or 2027), partner with the Northwest Independent School District to exhibit local student art.

Library Director Kelly Holt will research the cost and feasibility of these ideas and report at the next meeting.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Sharon McTernan second by Melissa Diorio to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Alicia Young, Chairperson

Kelly Holt, Library Director



Roanoke Art & History Trail Committee **AGENDA ITEM**

TO: Art and History Trail Committee Members

SUBJECT: Update on Current Projects

MEETING DATE: March 18, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Visitor Center/Museum

ITEM SUMMARY:

Staff will provide information about current committee projects

INFORMATION:

Austin Street Plaza -

- Excavation has begun, and Public Works is planning site preparation, with an estimated completion date of April 15th.
- Staff is coordinating with Special Events Department and the artist to plan a short ceremony to introduce the piece to the public during the first Evenings on Oak Street concert on April 9th, 2026.
- As requested, staff has ordered the outdoor concert themed gift basket door prize and small art-inspired favors to present to attendees.

Upcoming possible projects

1. Inclusion of a chalk mural during 2026 Taste and Tunes festival has been discussed with 2 artists - Fabian Rey & Jan Riggins. Estimated cost of travel and artists' fees is \$10,000.

2. Collaboration with Museum / Human Resources to hire an artist and author to collaborate on publishing a children's book that celebrates Roanoke. The book could be used to raise awareness about local history, promote the town of Roanoke as desirable community, and spread goodwill on behalf of the AHTC.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

n/a

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:

n/a



Roanoke Art & History Trail Committee **AGENDA ITEM**

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

Costs associated with all projects mentioned will not exceed our current annual budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



Roanoke Art & History Trail Committee **AGENDA ITEM**

TO: Art and History Trail Committee Members

SUBJECT: Consideration and action on funds for chalk mural

MEETING DATE: March 18, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Library

ITEM SUMMARY:

Consider approval of up to \$10,000 to hire an artist to create a chalk mural during the Taste and Tunes 2026 festival

INFORMATION:

A professional artist will create a sidewalk chalk mural at the Taste and Tunes of Roanoke Festival on May 2, 2026. Murals like this can be used to encourage creative expression, increase community engagement, and promote temporary public art. An artist will transform a concrete surface into vibrant, interactive displays that could spread positive messages, boost community morale, advertise events, and increase the town's visibility. This mural would be designed to wash away with rain but could be photographed for posterity.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:

n/a

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

This project will not exceed the current available annual budget

ATTACHMENTS:

None