

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