

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Aaryn Val at 6:06 p.m. with the following participants:

Present Committee Members: Vice Chair Aaryn Val
Julee Cooper
Mike Mangonon
No Quorum

Absent Committee Members: Chair Brian Rickel
Pablo Espinoza
Sally Guttridge
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City Staff/ Presenters: Sara Rodrigues, Economic Development Analyst
Jodie Moreno, Community Events Program Manager

Public: 7 members of the public

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- No quorum to approve November 3rd agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Annie Peony Galley: Introduced their gallery and encouraged commissioners to join future events.

4. APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

- August 2025 minutes were not voted on. *No Quorum*

5. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

- a. Introduction to City Events Team
 - i. Jodie Moreno, the City's Community Events Program Manager, introduced herself, highlighted the many events her team produces for the City, and provided an overview of the grant program she manages.
 - ii. She expressed her enthusiasm for future arts-related events and the opportunities to collaborate.

6. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

a. Staff Liaison Update

- Arts and Creative Economy Strategy
 - All 15 proposals were provided to the subcommittee for review (Rickel, Espinoza, and Rodrigues).
 - The subcommittee will meet on November 17th to narrow the list to three finalist consultants.
 - Those three finalists will present at the December meeting (15 minutes each).
 - Commissioners will vote on their recommendation at the December meeting.
 - Rodrigues reminded commissioners to complete the Doodle poll so the December special meeting can be scheduled and interested consultants can be updated with the revised timeline.
- Hello-Goodbye
 - Press release went out and commissioners had the opportunity to meet the artist in person
 - The City was notified that there were missing fingers on the artwork, so they are looking into whether or not this was vandalism. The City reported the incident to PD as a precaution
 - Overt cameras are going to be set up to look into future incidents.
 - Looking into how we will repair the damage- perhaps making the hands out of steel.
 - The City is working on a plaque for the artwork.
- 25th Anniversary Photo Contest
 - There were over 70 submissions for the photo contest
 - Rickel, Guttridge, and Rodrigues served on the subcommittee and narrowed to 20 finalists.
 - The voting window is currently open for the public to vote on their favorites
 - The winners will be announced at the upcoming reception on November 8th from 10AM-12PM at the Fine Arts Center
- Elk Grove Mural Festival
 - The Mural Festival contract is out for signatures, and will be placed under consent at the November 12th City Council meeting
 - Staff is working with Franklin High School students to come up with the logo for the festival and to create a marketing tool kit.
 - The festival will be held June 1-6, 2026.
 - Working title: Paint the Grove
- 25th Anniversary Puzzle
 - Final artwork is complete
 - Unveiling will be on November 24th from 4:30-6:30PM at District56
 - The unveiling event is the first opportunity to buy a puzzle but they will also be sold at Dickens Fair (11/29) and Illumination Festival (12/6) for \$25.

- Staff is working on a plan to sell puzzles to businesses
- The City has ordered 6,000 puzzles total

7. COMMISSION COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Future items
 - i. Presentations from consultants (finalists) interested in preparing the Arts and Creative Economy Strategy for the City of Elk Grove
 - ii. Other items at the request of the Commissioners
- b. Commission Comments
 - i. None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The Elk Grove Arts and Creative Economy Commission Meeting of November 3, 2025, was adjourned at 6:37p.m. *(No vote) No Quorum.*