

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Brain Rickel at 6:03 p.m. with the following participants:

Present Committee Members: Chair Brian Rickel
Vice Chair Aaryn Val
Julee Cooper
Sally Guttridge
Man Phan (late)
Pablo Espinoza

Absent Committee Members: Mike Mangonon

City Staff/ Presenters: Darrell Doan, Economic Development Director
Sara Rodrigues, Economic Development Analyst
Jason Lindgren, City Clerk

Public: 7 members of the public

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Agenda was approved. *(Guttridge/Cooper) passed unanimously - Phan was late and didn't vote on this item*

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Mayhem Musical: Introduced their theatre programs for children and expressed interest in the future Performing Arts Center.

4. APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

- June 2025 minutes were approved. *(Espinoza/ Guttridge) passed unanimously. - Phan was late and didn't vote on this item*

5. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

- a. Receive presentation about Municipal Code Changes and term limits by Jason Lindgren, City Clerk
 - City Council established a four-year terms of service for appointments to all City Boards, Commissions, and Committees while adopting an initial schedule for biennial term expirations.
 - Staggered expirations: ½ of the ACE Commissions' seats will be reviewed February 2027

- When term is up, City Clerk will reach out to verify commitment to serving.
 - Commissioners can reapply using the same materials or different materials.
No max terms.
- b. Review Mural Organization’s written proposal (*Guttridge/ Espinoza*) *passed unanimously*
- Sara Rodrigues presented the background of the process:
 - An informal RFQ was sent out.
 - Five organizations applied and gave 10-minute presentations to the Arts and Creative Economy Commission.
 - The top two—Talking Walls (TW) and Wide Open Walls (WOW)—were invited to submit more detailed written proposals, which were distributed to commissioners ahead of this meeting.
 - A round-table discussion was held so each commissioner could share their thoughts and ask questions. (TW was present via Zoom to respond.)
 - Rickel read submitted comments from Mangonon on his behalf.
 - All seven commissioners unanimously recommended moving forward with Talking Walls (TW).

6. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

- a. Staff Liaison Update
- i. Asphalt Art
 - Wilson Wang, 8th Grade Student, created design that was chosen to be installed at the intersection of Franklin High Road & Hewitt Way.
 - His winning creation showcases crayons of all shapes and colors as a representative of the City’s diversity/ not everyone is the same but we’re all equal.
 - A survey will be issued to collect data before and after the installation
 - Installation will occur between 8/14 and 8/15
 - ii. Hello-Goodbye
 - Previous install date has been delayed. New install dates are 8/18 – 8/28.
 - Staff informed businesses and both the old Arts Commission and new Arts and Creative Economy Commission
 - iii. ACE Strategy Request for Proposal (RFP)
 - Currently in draft mode.
 - iv. Dowdle Puzzle
 - Artist came and met with Staff and Councilmember Kevin Spease and was given a tour of the City
 - Supplementarily, the artist is doing his own deep dive within the community.
 - The painting is in process and unveiling will be on 11/24 at District 56.
 - v. 25th Anniversary Photo Contest
 - Three categories for public to participate: youth, amateur and professional.

- Submit photos by 9/21
- Photo Competition Subcommittee will select finalists the week of 9/29
- Rickel, Phan, and Guttridge, volunteered to partake in the subcommittee.
- 10/12 the finalist will be announced, and the public can vote online until 10/26.
- Event to award the winner tentatively scheduled for either 11/8 or 11/15 at the Fine Arts Center in Elk Grove.

7. COMMISSION COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Future items
 - i. ACE Strategy Request for Proposal continued
 - ii. Introduction to City Events Team
 - iii. Receive presentation about performing Arts Center by Christopher Jordan, Community Development Director
 - iv. Other items at the request of the Commissioners
- b. Commission Comments
 - i. Phan volunteered to be next rotating Secretary for September's meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The Elk Grove Arts and Creative Economy Commission Meeting of August 6, 2025, was adjourned at 7:44p.m. *(Val/Phan) passed unanimously*