

CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE  
ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING  
CITY HALL 10 EAST CENTER STREET, NORTH SALT LAKE  
APRIL 21, 2025

**FINAL**

PRESENT: Rachel Chase, Vice Chair  
Heather Hendrix  
Heidi Smoot  
Camille Thorpe

EXCUSED: Suzette Jackson, City Council

STAFF PRESENT: Sherrie Pace, Community Development Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Jean Montanaro, Maya Montanaro, residents.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Rachel Chase, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She welcomed attendees and asked for introductions. Jean Montanaro introduced herself and her sister, Maya Montanaro.

2. CITIZEN COMMENT

There were no comments.

3. MURAL PROGRAM

Sherrie Pace presented a proposed budget for the mural program. She noted \$10,000 had been budgeted by the City Council. She mentioned a potential \$10,000 matching grant from Davis County Tourism, for a possible total of \$20,000. She described the proposed mural as approximately 1,200 square feet on a building across the street. She outlined costs, including an artist stipend of \$2,000, \$1,200 for high quality outdoor paint (\$1 per square foot), \$1,000 for anti-graffiti coating, and \$800 to \$1,700 for a scissor lift rental, totaling approximately \$5,300. She reviewed additional costs for building preparation, such as power washing and applying a base coat (kilz). She suggested hiring professionals for power washing due to liability concerns on private property.

Heidi Smoot suggested the artist stipend be increased to at least \$2,500–\$3,000, citing the significant time investment.

Heather Hendrix supported increasing the stipend. She referenced a comparable mural project with a \$15,000–\$20,000 budget for a 600 square foot mural, where the artist fee was \$5,000–\$10,000.

Jean Montanaro emphasized her priority was honoring her father David Montanaro’s work rather than maximizing compensation. She estimated the project would take two weeks.

Rachel Chase expressed her support on fair payment for Jean Montanaro.

Sherrie Pace shared the City Council’s feedback from a prior Council meeting presentation. She noted enthusiasm for David Montanaro’s artwork, particularly for the Bamberger Hotel site. She reported on the Council’s uncertainty about the Trust building for a mural location due to its corporate fit. She discussed additional locations, including City’s Edge and townhomes. She noted ongoing efforts to secure owner approvals.

Sherrie Pace proposed a budget of \$7,300 for one mural, including a \$3,000 artist stipend. She included a cushion for variable costs like building preparations and a QR code plaque, estimated at \$200, linking to artist information. She agreed to apply for the Davis County Tourism grant by July 31, 2025, to fund a second mural. She suggested painting for September 2025 to avoid extreme weather.

Heidi Smoot reviewed mock-ups of Montanaro’s artwork. She selected a piece with deeper colors and minimal yellow, which fades quickly, for the Bamberger Hotel. She appreciated the artwork’s geometric fit with the building’s windows.

**Committee Member Smoot moved to recommend a \$3,000 artist stipend and a total budget of \$7,300 for one mural, with a proposal to Discover Davis for a grant to fund two murals. Committee Member Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Committee Members Chase, Hendrix, Smoot, and Thorpe.**

#### 4. ARTS COMMITTEE 2025 GOALS

Rachel Chase suggested expanding public art initiatives. She proposed sculptures, interactive park elements, and rotating art displays in the Council Chambers. She suggested quarterly art contests, such as photo, painting, and watercolor, and featuring local artists, starting with David Montanaro’s work.

Heidi Smoot proposed collaborating with Wally Beck, a North Salt Lake gallery owner, to enhance community engagement.

Camille Thorpe proposed an arts festival.

Rachel Chase suggested using the Council Chambers as a gallery open during business hours. She supported potential evening events like piano recitals.

Heidi Smoot explored opening the Chambers for community events. She noted staffing challenges for after-hours use. She supported a trial run with a part-time staffer funded by venue fees.

Sherrie Pace committed to researching costs for an art hanging system, lighting, and a grand piano for Council Chambers. She referenced similar setups at the Davis County building.

Rachel Chase mentioned functional art for Hatch Park, such as unique benches, lampposts, or musical instruments.

Jean Montanaro suggested incorporating elements inspired by David Montanaro's chair series to create a unique identity.

#### 5. BUDGET REQUESTS FOR FY26

Sherrie Pace noted the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget adoption deadline was in June 2025. She referenced the prior Parks and Arts Board budget of \$14,000, which was cut due to underuse.

Rachel Chase proposed requesting \$10,000 annually for murals. She suggested \$1,000 for combined photo and art contests.

Heidi Smoot proposed additional funds for an art hanging system, lighting, and potential event staffing.

Sherrie Pace agreed to compile tentative budget numbers for the next meeting. She included costs for sculptures, park art, and a possible rotating sculpture garden on the City's triangular parcel.

Camille Thorpe mentioned enhancing the Veterans Plaza amphitheater with mosaics or tiles. She suggested featuring veterans' signatures or service details to create a durable, community focused art piece.

Heidi Smoot speculated estimated costs for such a project at \$50,000–\$100,000.

Sherrie Pace agreed to refine costs with further research.

#### 6. PROGRAMS AND EVENTS UPDATES

Camille Thorpe provided an update on NSL Reads. She proposed a presence at Unity in Community events and food truck nights with activities like sidewalk chalk art. She postponed a planned May 10, 2025, visit to South Salt Lake's Mural Fest due to scheduling conflicts. She

agreed to reschedule via email. She proposed a historical tour with Stan Porter for June 2025, after lacrosse season.

Sherrie Pace reported progress on acquiring the donated rubber tiles for Hatch Park. She noted Jon Rueckert and Ali Avery facilitated the donation.

7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 24, 2025

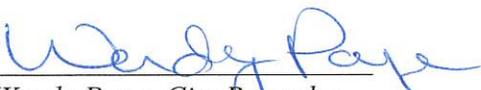
The Arts Committee minutes of March 24, 2025 were reviewed and approved as drafted.

**Committee Member Thorpe moved to approve the minutes of March 24, 2025. Committee Member Hendrix seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Committee Members Chase, Hendrix, Smoot, and Thorpe.**

8. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

*The foregoing was approved by the Arts Committee of the City of North Salt Lake on June 11, 2025 by unanimous vote of all members present.*

  
Wendy Page, City Recorder

