

URBANDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY ART GALLERY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 14, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Kusmaul, Sandy Kusmaul, Charlotte Saliers, Grace Saliers, Ted Saliers, & Emma Thomas-McGinnis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ivan Martin, Tam Martin, Jeff Suchomel, & Cindy Willson

STAFF PRESENT: Nicholas Janning, Brianna Ryan, & Staci Stanton

CITIZENS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Nicholas called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA: The committee reviewed and approved the January agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES: The committee reviewed and approved the October minutes.

CITIZENS FORUM: None

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT: The committee reviewed and approved the report.

1. OLD BUSINESS

a. New Hanging System Progress

i. Final pieces for the southern end of the Art Gallery are arriving in late January.

Any preference on when to install the new pieces?

1. Since it is a smaller section, the work should be relatively quick and non-invasive. Most of the artwork in the gallery could stay up during this short process, so the committee will defer to maintenance's availability.
2. The committee addressed the need for a new 3-step ladder for art installation, as the existing one is unstable. Charlotte is on the search for one that will fit the committee's needs at a reasonable price.
3. Charlotte will measure the space that the mobile glass display cases usually occupy when being used in the gallery, to ensure the new glass cases will fit. She plans to follow up with Nicholas to get the new cases purchased.

b. Annual Presentation to Public Art Committee (PAC)

i. Tuesday, February 17, 4:00 p.m. at City Hall

1. Nicholas is compiling photos to share at the PAC meeting. He encouraged the committee to send anything they would like to have included in the presentation to him, and anyone on the committee is welcome to attend the meeting. This sparked the idea to remember to take pictures at receptions in the future.
2. With the money the committee receives from PAC each year, the next big project the committee wants to consider is potentially having the Community Room be an extension of the art gallery. The committee has plenty of hanging rods, so the main expense for this project would be for the rails. This idea was tabled for future consideration, following the completion of the railing installation in the front part of the art gallery hallway.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Art Day 2026 (Saturday, February 28)
 - i. Charlotte is co-chair of the PAC subcommittee for this event.
 1. Art Gallery committee members are encouraged to participate in Art Day by coming up with easy crafts, helping plan the event, or signing up to volunteer on the day of the event.

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Saliers

President

Attest: Brianna Ryan