

URBANDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY ART GALLERY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 8, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Kusmaul, Sandy Kusmaul, Ivan Martin, Tam Martin, Charlotte Saliers, Ted Saliers, & Jeff Suchomel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Grace Saliers, Emma Thomas-McGinnis, & Cindy Willson

STAFF PRESENT: Nicholas Janning & Brianna Ryan

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 April agenda.

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

CITIZENS FORUM: None

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

1. OLD BUSINESS

- a. New Hanging System Progress – Installation occurring April 9 & 10
 - i. The final rail pieces for the southern end of the Art Gallery are set to be installed this week.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Expansion of hanging system to Community Room
 - i. 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.

3. STAFF REPORT

- a. Annual Presentation to Public Art Committee report (February 17)
 - i. Nicholas, Staci, Brianna, and Charlotte were all in attendance to share art gallery updates and answer questions.
- b. Art Day 2026 report
 - i. Art Day turnout was higher this year. Charlotte encouraged the committee to think about new craft ideas for 2027.
- c. Art Gallery Website Transition Progress & Updated Artist Application
 - i. The website content is all transferred over to the library's website now. Brianna was able to create a more complex application with the library's website and requested the committee test out the new application and give feedback before it went live. Once the new application is finalized and goes live, the plan is for the old art gallery domain to redirect to the library's art gallery webpage.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Saliers

President

Attest: Brianna Ryan