



PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, December 11th 2025

MEETING: Public Arts Committee Regular Meeting

PLACE: Fraser Town Hall Board Room

PRESENT

Board: Callie McDermott, Cynthia McCoy, Lorena Stoklend, Robin Barrett, Kristin Hanson, Beth Nathom, Steve Fitzgerald, Kenzie Lipe, Kerry Crandell, Anastasia Kightlinger

Staff: Marketing and Communications Manager, Sarah Wieck, Joe McDonald Public Works

1. **Regular Meeting:** Roll Call

called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

Cynthia moved, and Steve seconded the **motion** to approve the Agenda. **Motion carried: 10-0.**

3. **Consent Agenda:**

Kerry moved, and Callie seconded the **motion** to approve the Agenda. **Motion carried: 10-0.**

4. **Discussion**

1. **Fire and Ice 2026**

The PAC's December 11th meeting focused primarily on planning for the upcoming Fire and Ice 2026 event scheduled for February 14th. Fire and emergency personnel attended to discuss safety protocols.

Sarah from the Town of Fraser confirmed that she had already reserved an ambulance with EMS for the event. The Fire Department representatives discussed several key safety considerations:

- The fire department would like to provide a dedicated event and response crew, as the event has grown larger and their regular volunteer crew often gets pulled away for calls.
- They requested coordination on pile construction, with fire personnel handling all ignitions and fuels rather than public works adding accelerants.
- They will coordinate with Ken on permitting for fireworks and requested advance notification of any other pyrotechnic displays for review, including the fire dancers and Lava Box portable fire pits.
- Site safety concerns were highlighted, including keeping people off the pond if ice conditions are unsafe.
- They offered their indoor command truck as a potential warming resource for emergency situations.

The PAC and emergency personnel discussed the previous year's successful handling of traffic flow, with PD noting they would have officers at the event as in previous years. They can manually control traffic flow when the event ends to assist with clearing the area.

Several event logistics items were discussed:

- Shuttles will operate from four locations: the elementary school, the icebox, the rec center, and Valley Life Church
- The committee is seeking additional shuttle options from Lyft bus, though initial response suggested they may not be able to provide service
- Each shuttle drop-off location will have a corresponding pickup location to reduce confusion
- Food vendors confirmed so far include the crepe place, with True Penny, Birdie Lounge (alcohol), Astro Coffee, and potentially GB Meat Pies and River Wolf also participating
- Sarah will reach out to additional food vendors as lines were long last year
- There was discussion about providing a dedicated area for fire spinners, blocked off with ice blocks for safety
- Lava Box will provide portable fire pits that will be staffed by their personnel
- Entertainment will include ice sculptures, a photo booth, the bonfire (lit at 5:45pm), fireworks (at 6:30pm), mini-golf by Birdie Lounge, and potentially a hot air balloon basket providing heat and interaction

The committee discussed bringing back the hot air balloon, though it was decided that just having the basket and burners might be more practical than the full balloon. They tentatively agreed to position it near the food vendors.

There was also discussion about having businesses create effigies to burn in the fire, potentially with a contest component. The committee was unsure about offering prizes or incentives for participation.

The meeting concluded with Kristen offering to create a traveling trophy from old snowboard boots if the committee decides to hold any type of contest during the event.

5. **Open Forum:**

6. **Other Business:**

Cynthia moved, and Steve seconded the **motion** to adjourn. **Motion carried: 10-0.**
Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.