

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING FOR THE CITY OF HAYDEN, KOOTENAI
COUNTY, IDAHO**

Wednesday, September 9, 2026
Commission Meeting: 3:00PM

Hayden City Hall Council Chambers, 8930 N. Government Way, Hayden, ID 83835

CALL TO ORDER Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 3:14 PM

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Present: Chair Jones, Vice Chair Wright, Commissioner Lee.

Absent: Commissioner Wilder. A Quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Commissioner Lee led the pledge of allegiance.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS None

1. **CONSENT CALENDAR** *All items on the Consent Calendar are Action Items*
 - A. Approval of the August 12, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the August 12, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Vice Chair Wright provided the second. Voice Vote: In favor- all, Opposed-none. The motion passed.
2. **VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT on Non-Agenda Items (5-minutes maximum)**

None.
3. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. **ACTION ITEM** 2026 Hayden Arts Showcase Vice Chair Wright motioned to approve the expenditure up to \$100.00 for supplies for North Idaho College Culinary Arts. Commissioner Lee provided the second. Voice Vote: In favor-all, Opposed-none. The motion passed. The Commission will have applications available if children show up and the Commission will remit the payment to the city on the next business day.
 - B. **ACTION ITEM** Hayden Arts Gallery Signage Vinyl Fire is a local company who created a proof of signage for the art gallery. Discussion followed over hanging the sign, material composition, size and design options. The Commission would like to adjust the font to have "Arts Gallery" be bold and "Hayden" less prominent. The Vice Chair will reach out to Vinyl Fire with those requests and get updated proof.
 - C. **ACTION ITEM** Come Together Bench Program The Liaison updated the Commission that the benches are in the final stages of completion. A few still need a little paint and then are ready for topcoat. The Commission will be meeting the following week to do the topcoat on each bench so they will be ready for installation. Vice-Chair Wright gave an update on the Arts Commission bench. She has a few more details to add before completion The Commission decided to sign the bench with Shana Wright and the Hayden Arts Commission. There will be a press release once completed. The Commission would also like to coordinate a "bench walk" for the public and invite the artists as well. The Chair will reach out to the businesses who have a bench placed in front of them. The Commission would also like give a thank you note or letter to each artist who participated in this endeavor. The Vice Chair shared her positive experience working with each artist on this project and appreciated how they all worked together to support one another.

- D. **ACTION ITEM** Hayden Arts Commission Grant Opportunities The Chair informed the Commission that the Avista grant opportunity appears to need an account to be opened in order to submit the application. She asked the Liaison to look into it. She shared some of the opportunities for grants, but they do not necessarily apply to the project the Hayden Arts Commission would like to pursue for the 4th Street retaining wall.
- E. **ACTION ITEM** Arts Commission Projects The Liaison shared the old Public Works shop is available for projects and events before it is taken down. She would need a clear idea of what the Arts Commission may want to do to get staff and Council approval. Vice-Chair Wright shared an idea she and a bench artist had on creating a holiday event for the community using the shop. It would entail family photos, a candy give-away with holiday decorations. They would also like to include a food drive to give back to the community. The Commission also discussed a “It Rocks” event for teens to come paint rocks with rock music and glow in the dark paint. They could bring something from home they want to paint as well such as clothing, or a repurposed skate board deck or snowboard.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
- A. **ACTION ITEM** Friday Night Frights The Commission would like to participate in this City event. The Commission does have a crayon/art themed décor for the trunk. Commissioner Lee gave an overview of how the event works. The Commission will discuss themes in more detail at the next meeting. The Commission still has several packages of crayons to hand out with candy. The event generally brings around 600 children.
5. **REPORTS** The Liaison shared there will be 2 new Commission members to the Arts Commission. One was Cody Small, who attended the Arts Commission Workshop. The other new member is a high school student. She also shared the 4th Quarter Hayden City Hall Arts Gallery will be open to the City staff, family and elected officials. The Commission would like to reach out to the local schools for the 2nd Quarter to display art in City Hall. The Chair also mentioned having quilts displayed for a quarter of in 2027. There was also discussion around having a Lego display for the Hayden City Hall Arts Gallery. The Liaison shared the City will have an opportunity to for public engagement around a concept design for a Civic Center in Hayden. She will provide more details as it gets closer. The City budget was approved, which included a 3% increase in their property tax.
6. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS**
7. **ADJOURNMENT ACTION ITEM** The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:34 PM.

Amber Smitham, Clerk

