



# City of Appleton

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## Meeting Agenda - Final Appleton Public Arts Committee

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Wednesday, July 2, 2025

8:00 AM

Council Chambers, 6th Floor

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1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call of membership
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

[25-0748](#) APAC Minutes from 6-4-25

**Attachments:** [APAC Minutes from 6-4-25.pdf](#)

### 5. Public Hearing/Appearances

[25-0749](#) Public Participation

### 6. Action Items

[25-0750](#) Request from Hannah Ohayon, with the Appleton Public Library's Artist in Residence Program, to create a temporary, natural sculpture in Veterans Memorial Park (recently renamed from Appleton Memorial Park) as described in the attached documents

**Attachments:** [StaffMemo\\_Natural Sculptures\\_Veterans Memorial Park\\_For7-2-25.pdf](#)

### 7. Information Items

### 8. Adjournment

*Notice is hereby given that a quorum of the Common Council may be present during this meeting, although no Council action will be taken.*

*Any questions about items on this meeting are to be directed to Lily Paul, Economic Development Specialist, at 920-832-6468.*

*Reasonable Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities will be made upon Request and if Feasible.*



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## Meeting Minutes - Final Appleton Public Arts Committee

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Wednesday, June 4, 2025

8:00 AM

Council Chambers, 6th Floor

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1. Call meeting to order

Chair Mische called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll call of membership

**Present:** 5 - Mische, Fernandez, Vang, Laste and Bauer

**Excused:** 2 - Riesterer and Hoekstra

4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

[25-0590](#)

APAC Minutes from 4-2-25

**Attachments:** [APAC Minutes from 4-2-25.pdf](#)

**Fernandez moved, seconded by Laste, that the Minutes be approved. Roll Call.**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mische, Fernandez, Vang, Laste and Bauer

**Excused:** 2 - Riesterer and Hoekstra

5. **Public Hearing/Appearances**

[25-0591](#)

Public Participation

**There was no public participation.**

6. **Action Items**

[25-0592](#)

Request from Neo Medina and the Trout Museum of Art to paint a mural to be located inside of the Red Ramp located at 134 S. Superior Street (Tax Id #31-2-0090-00) as described in the attached documents and subject to the conditions in the attached staff memo

**Attachments:** [StaffMemo\\_RedRampMural\\_For6-4-25.pdf](#)

*The Committee offered a soft suggestion to the applicant pertaining to making the existing handicap parking sign more prominent by either outlining the signage with a darker color or changing the design to incorporate it into the mural.*

**Fernandez moved, seconded by Bauer, that the proposal to paint a mural located in the Red Ramp be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mische, Fernandez, Vang, Laste and Bauer

**Excused:** 2 - Riesterer and Hoekstra

[25-0593](#)

Elect Vice Chair

*Mische nominated Vang for Vice Chair. No other nominations were received. Vang was elected Vice Chair by unanimous consent.*

[25-0594](#)

Set Meeting Date and Time

*The members agreed to keep the meeting date and time as it currently stands at 8:00 a.m. on the 1st Wednesday of the month.*

[25-0595](#)

Designate Contact Person

*Economic Development Specialist Lily Paul was designated as the contact person.*

## 7. Information Items

## 8. Adjournment

**Bauer moved, seconded by Fernandez, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:24 a.m. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mische, Fernandez, Vang, Laste and Bauer

**Excused:** 2 - Riesterer and Hoekstra



# CITY OF APPLETON

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** July 2, 2025  
**To:** Public Arts Committee  
**From:** Lily Paul, Economic Development Specialist  
**Subject:** Artist-in-Residence: Community Built Environmental Sculpture

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Owner:** City of Appleton

**Applicant:** Hannah Ohayon & Appleton Public Library

**Address/Parcel Number:** 1313 E. Witzke Boulevard (Parcel #31-0-6535-02), specifically in the wooded area west of Witzke Boulevard across from the baseball fields west parking lot.

**Petitioner's Request:** Application is requesting to create a temporary, natural sculpture on the ground, in a concentric shape, with pinecones.

**Appleton Public Arts Committee Meeting Date:** July 2, 2025

**Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Date:** July 7, 2025

**Common Council Meeting Date:** July 16, 2025

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## PROJECT DETAILS

**Project Summary:** Applicant, Hannah, is this quarter's Resident of Appleton Public Library's [Artist-in-Residence program](#). Her residency spans from July until the end of September where she provides a gallery exhibition, three public programs, and has the opportunity to coordinate workspace within the library. One of the public programs that is planned during her residency is a workshop called [Community Built Environmental Sculpture](#) to bring members of the public to participate and help create a natural sculpture in a public park. She is planning this public workshop on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> in Veterans Memorial Park (f/k/a Appleton Memorial Park) from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Please see attached images of the specific location. She would use the pinecones on site (and bring more to supplement) to create a design on the ground. Depending on the size of the group, they will arrange the pinecones to form concentric circles or a spiral pattern that radiates out from each of the 6 main trees in that small area.

Hannah describes this artwork as minimally invasive and low risk from a liability standpoint. But it will be beautiful for those who discover it without damaging any of the landscaping of the park. The artist, program manager, and Parks & Recreation Department are aware that this is temporary and could potentially be dismantled by the public. Hopefully it will last long enough for many to enjoy.

**Reason for Choosing the Proposed Location:** Some advantages of this site are:

- It is close to an entrance and close to parking, so it will be easy to direct people to
- There is no grass, so there would be no risk of killing grass, or need for relocation of the natural sculpture
- No need for City to work around the art, and they don't have to cut or haul materials
- There are no major liability concerns.

**Description of How the Work is Installed/Anchored/Attached:** The pinecones will simply be placed on the ground in a concentric or spiral pattern. This is not permanent.

**Timeline and Duration of Installation:** The Public Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, but for the sake of weather, the workshop could be rescheduled at any point during her Residency (July – September).

**Maintenance and Cost:** There is no cost or maintenance. These are natural materials sourced by the artist.

**Associated Signage:** There is no proposal for signage, but if that changes, she will abide by the following: Per the Art in Public Places Policy, any artwork signage shall meet the parameters set forth in Zoning Code Section 23-531(e), which allows each artwork one plaque/sign not to exceed nine square feet in size. Any proposed signs and their placement shall be approved by the Department of Public Works.

**Appleton Comprehensive Plan 2010-2030:** The City of Appleton *Comprehensive Plan 2010-2030* illustrates the importance of the arts community to Appleton and encourages the expansion and promotion of placemaking and arts in the City. The proposed public art project is consistent with the following goals and objectives of the *Comprehensive Plan 2010-2030*.

*Chapter 3 – Community Vision #12: Creative place making and public art enhance the public realm and contribute to a vibrant economy.*

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Based upon the guidelines outlined in the Art in Public Places Policy, staff recommend that the proposed natural sculpture, located within Veterans Memorial Park (f/k/a Appleton Memorial Park), as described in the attached documents, **BE APPROVED**.





