

CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE
ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY HALL 10 EAST CENTER STREET, NORTH SALT LAKE
JANUARY 26, 2026

FINAL

PRESENT: Rachel Chase, Chair
Tori Beck
Heather Hendrix, Vice Chair
Jean Montanaro
Camille Thorpe
Heidi Smoot, City Council

STAFF PRESENT: David Frandsen, Assistant City Manager; Sherrie Pace, Community Development Director.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tammy Clayton, Catherine Johnson, Civic Events Committee.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Rachel Chase, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Jean Montanaro was introduced as the newest member of the Arts Committee along with Heidi Smoot as the City Council liaison.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

3. DISCUSSION WITH EVENTS COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Councilmember Clayton asked about possible collaboration between the Arts Committee and Civic Events Committee. She noted the desire to host events with the theme of America250 to celebrate the United States Semiquincentennial. She shared plans about the America's Potluck event on Sunday July 5, 2026 which would be held at Tunnel Springs Park. She explained that this was a national event held in locally to encourage neighborhoods to build community.

Catherine Johnson with the City's Civic Events Committee noted that the City would invite families to attend, bring a picnic lunch and the City would provide dessert at the America's potluck event. She said the Committee would be the kickoff event to encourage neighborhood

block parties and that they hoped the City Council would provide funding for small block party grants to buy dessert for said parties.

The Committee reviewed past events including the photo contest (Civic Events Committee), NSL Reads (Arts Committee), and Liberty Fest that could incorporate the America250 theme.

Catherine Johnson mentioned that the Events Committee planned to host auditions to select one singer to perform the National Anthem at Liberty Fest and suggested that members of the Arts Committee could help in the selection process. She also added that they would like to have a contest for the business or residence with the most patriotic decor/theme.

Tori Beck arrived at 6:39 p.m.

Catherine Johnson shared additional ideas related to veterans, collecting 250 items, and other events with the America250 theme.

Camille Thorpe shared that the NSL Reads theme for 2026 would be a fantasy “Make Your Own Magic”. She noted that the local author event would be March 5th. She mentioned that at this event they would share the details for an additional America250 contest to “read three by the third” with book picks from Davis County library to be read by July 3rd. She spoke on obtaining an additional \$250 to award five winners for this reading contest.

The Committee discussed hosting recitals at the Eaglewood Golf Course Event Center. Sherrie Pace commented that she would meet with Tyler Abegglen the Golf Course General Manager to discuss whether there would be day of the week that these recitals could occur.

Catherine Johnson asked if there were additional America250 events the Arts Committee would host.

The Committee discussed different ways to honor veterans including installing an art piece in the City, a Veteran’s Day luncheon (in conjunction with the Senior Lunch Bunch), and highlighting veterans in the newsletter. They reviewed what would be the most effective way to determine which veterans to include (past residents, those who had died, requests) or whether to dedicate a space/monument to all veterans.

Camille Thorpe was nominated as the liaison for the America250 events.

4. 2026 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR APPOINTMENT

Committee Member Thorpe nominated Rachel Chase be appointed as the Chair. Committee Member Hendrix seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Committee Members Beck, Chase, Hendrix, Montanaro, and Thorpe.

Committee Member Montanaro nominated Heather Hendrix be appointed as the Vice Chair. Committee Member Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Committee Members Beck, Chase, Hendrix, Montanaro, and Thorpe.

5. DISCUSSION OF NSL READS EVENT

Camille Thorpe reported that there would be two NSL Reads events this year with the Author Night on March 5th and the America250 Three by the Third contest in July. She continued that the budget for the March 5th event would be \$1,000. She spoke on advertising via social media and printed materials. She requested an additional \$250 to use as an award for the Three by the Third reading contest.

The Committee discussed related items including confirming that family of Committee members are eligible to participate in the NSL Reads events, needed volunteers for the event, supplies and setup for the event (flyers, tables, QR code), and the coordination of elementary school visits by the author.

6. DISCUSSION OF 2026 MURAL PROGRAM

Sherrie Pace reported on identifying buildings and the desire to install two murals in 2026. She said she suggested that the committee compile a list and suggested notifying business/building owners in the City to see who might be interested to submit their property for consideration.

The Committee made the suggestion for a mural at the Veterans Amphitheater at City Hall or another location in the City. Councilmember Smoot would work with Public Works staff on whether the amphitheater was a viable option for a mural.

Jean Montanaro asked about the 501(c)(3) and establishing a foundation for the mural program. Sherrie Pace replied that she did not have all the details but would work with the City Attorney.

The Committee discussed the potential to establish a 501(c)(3) including accepting donations, tax deductions, noting that establishing a foundation would require the creation of a separate governing board from the City. They also discussed possible locations for a student art exhibit.

7. TOWN CENTER URBAN DESIGN STANDARDS PROJECT AND VISUAL PREFERENCE SURVEY

Sherrie Pace asked the Committee to complete the survey she sent out related to drafting of urban design standards for the Town Center. She explained that this survey would be utilized by the consultant and would help inform priorities for public art, gathering spaces, and building design.

8. DISCUSSION OF 2026 COMMITTEE GOALS & PRIORITIES

Sherrie Pace spoke on Committee goals and priorities including murals, programs, acquiring public art in conjunction with budget priorities. She said the formal request should be prioritized and submitted to the City Council. She mentioned possible funding requests for attending the St George art show, \$250 increase in the NSL Reads, and public art, including the Big Chair idea.

The Committee suggested support for the tree planting and for the photo contest to remain with the Events Committee with support from the Arts Committee. They then discussed locations for public sculptures including Hatch Park, Eaglewood Golf Course, Legacy Park, roundabouts, Tunnel Springs Park, and Center Street.

9. DISCUSSION BUDGET REQUEST PREPARATION

Sherrie Pace reviewed suggested budgetary items including funding for murals, a budget for sculptures in fiscal year 2027 (beginning July 1, 2026), attending the St George sculpture show (April 2027), Big Chair sculptures (2027 or 2028), utility boxes, art maintenance, encourage support of entry monuments and trees, and equipment for art displays. The Committee provided feedback for the budget request to be submitted to the City Council for review.

David Frandsen commented on research that he had previously done with regard to the St. George sculpture show. He explained that he believed that the sculptures are on display in St. George for one year and during that time period entities could enter into agreements to purchase or lease the sculptures at the end of that year.

10. OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT TRAINING

Those present participated in the annual training on the Open and Public Meetings Act which was required training per State Code for all councils, boards and commissions that were subject to the Open and Public Meetings Act.

Sherrie Pace noted the third Monday in February was another holiday, therefore the next meeting would be on February 23rd. She asked if the Committee would like to meet on the third or the fourth Monday of the month for the remainder of the year. The Committee was in favor of meeting on the fourth Monday of the month moving forward.

11. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

The Arts Committee minutes of November 17, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Committee Member Thorpe moved to approve the minutes of November 17, 2025 as written. Committee Member Hendrix seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Committee Members Beck, Chase, Hendrix, Montanaro, and Thorpe.

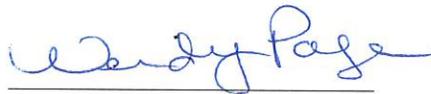
12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The foregoing was approved by the Arts Committee of the City of North Salt Lake on February 23, 2026 by unanimous vote of all members present.



Rachel Chase, Chair



Wendy Page, City Recorder

