



Built On What Matters

Town of Frederick Arts Committee Agenda

Frederick Town Hall
Town Conference Room
401 Locust Street

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

4:30 PM

Call to Order – Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

This portion of the agenda is provided to allow members of the audience to provide comments to the Arts Committee. Please sign in and you will be called. If your comments or concerns require an action, that item(s) will need to be placed on a later Agenda. Please limit the time of your comments to three (3) minutes.

Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and vote. There will be no separate discussion of Consent Agenda Items unless a Arts Committee member so requests, in which case the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered at the end of the Consent Agenda.

- A. Approval of Minutes

Action Agenda

- B. Arts Committee Strategic Plan -

Discussion Items

- C. Band Selection for Summer Concert Series -

Commissioner Reports

Other Business

Adjournment

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Town of Frederick Arts Committee

Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2026

Call to Order – Roll Call: At 4:32 Chairperson Lewis called the meeting to order and requested roll call.

Present were Chairperson Lewis, Vice Chair Sumner, Committee Member Maxwell, Committee Member Church, and Committee Member Nyland.

Committee member Nyland joined the meeting at 4:43 pm.

Also, Present was Deputy Town Clerk Emily Nitcher.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Agenda:

Public Comment:

Consent Agenda: Motion by Vice Chair Sumner and seconded by Chairperson Lewis to approve the consent agenda.

Upon roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

Committee member Nyland joined the meeting at 4:43 pm, after the approval of the consent agenda.

Approval of Minutes - December 9, 2025:

Discussion Items: The Arts Committee was informed of a request to purchase the Public Art Piece "Stuck in the Moment". After discussion, the arts committee is unwilling to sell the piece at this time.

Arts Committee Strategic Plan : The Arts Committee discussed the creation of a strategic plan.

Commissioner Reports:

Other Business:

Next Meeting: January 20, 2026:

Adjournment: There being no further business of the Arts Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.

Frederick Arts Committee

Strategic Plan 2026-2027

Mission

The Arts Committee, on behalf of the Frederick Town Board of Trustees, is responsible for the acquisition, conservation, and exhibition of public art in Frederick. We are committed to celebrating the traditions of Frederick while actively engaging residents, artists, youth, and community partners to ensure an inclusive cultural presence that is *Built on What Matters*.

Purpose

To establish the rules, procedures, and partnerships necessary to create and sustain a meaningful public art legacy that reflects Frederick's people, history, and future.

Strategic Priorities & Objectives (2025–2026)

1. Cultural Vitality

Goal:

Use public art to enhance Frederick's sense of place, strengthen downtown identity, and foster cultural and economic vitality.

Objectives & Focus Areas:

1.1 Art in Public Places

- Acquire and sponsor public art that enhances Frederick's parks and downtown.
- Support permanent and temporary installations including murals, sculptures, wood carvings and functional art.
- Encourage sponsorships and partnerships to expand public art opportunities.

1.2 Signature Arts & Cultural Programming

- Support and steward recurring cultural events that activate public spaces, including:

- **Summer Music Concert Series** (three concerts: June, July, August; second Wednesday of each month)
- **Chainsaws & Chuckwagons / Wood Carvings**
- Explore opportunities for rotating or temporary art installations to keep public spaces dynamic.

1.3 Downtown Identity & Integration

- Integrate public art into downtown planning and revitalization efforts.
- Coordinate with Town staff to align art placement with the Downtown Plan and capital projects.
- Use public art to encourage foot traffic, community pride, and recognition.

1.4 Celebrate Frederick's History & Character

- Prioritize projects that reflect Frederick's history, traditions, and evolving identity ("FRED").
- Support storytelling through art that connects past, present, and future.

2. Community Outreach

Goal:

Ensure public art reflects Frederick's diverse voices and actively engages the community.

Objectives & Focus Areas:

2.1 Community Outreach & Feedback

- Gather feedback at community events and public meetings.
- Use both traditional and non-traditional engagement methods (in-person, social media, surveys, digital input).
- Share community input with the Board of Trustees to inform decision-making.

2.2 Equity, Access & Representation

- Commit to equity, access, and representation in public art opportunities.
- Encourage participation from artists of diverse backgrounds and lived experiences.
- Ensure public art is accessible and welcoming to all residents.

2.3 Youth & Emerging Voices

- Collaborate with the Youth Commission to include youth perspectives in art selection and programming.
- Explore opportunities for youth-focused or youth-created art initiatives.

2.4 Partnerships

- Build partnerships with local businesses, nonprofits, schools, and Town departments.
- Leverage partnerships to expand resources, visibility, and community impact.

3. Stewardship, Conservation & Legacy

Goal:

Protect, maintain, and grow Frederick's public art collection responsibly and sustainably.

Objectives & Focus Areas:

3.1 Maintenance, Conservation & Restoration

- Develop and maintain a public art inventory and condition assessment.

3.2 Sustainable Funding & Stewardship

- Advocate for responsible and strategic use of funds.
- Explore funding strategies that support both new art and long-term care.
- Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and stewardship of public resources.

4. Efficient & Strategic Governance

Goal:

Operate as a clear, efficient, and trusted committee.

Objectives & Focus Areas:

4.1 Strategic Planning & Direction

- Develop and implement this 2025–2026 Arts Committee Strategic Plan.
- Receive direction from the Board of Trustees and align priorities accordingly.

4.2 Policies, Procedures & Transparency

- Review and refine Arts Committee rules, procedures, and policies.
- Maintain transparent, documented, and publicly accessible decision-making.

4.3 Board Communication & Advisory Role

- Provide regular updates, recommendations, and insights to the Board of Trustees.
- Serve as an informed advisory body on public art, cultural programming, and community sentiment.

5. Awareness, Education & Connection

Goal:

Increase public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of Frederick's public art.

Objectives & Focus Areas:

- Help tell the stories behind Frederick's public art—why it exists and what it represents.
- Strengthen the connection between Frederick residents and the arts