



ANACORTES ARTS COMMISSION
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Anacortes Arts Commission

September 10, 2025 at 4pm

This meeting will be held in person & virtually.

Virtual meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83082608401>

Preliminary Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approve August 2025 minutes
3. Public comment
4. Correspondence/Communication
5. Leaking Vase
6. Other business

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August 13, 2025

Members Present: Bob Hogan, Kami Bratten, Zach Wight, Todd Young, Stephen Cheng

Staff Present: Darby Jordan

Called to Order: 4:03 PM

Minutes: June minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comments: Annegret Reichmann was in attendance to observe the meeting and said she likes to meet people and be active.

Correspondence & Communication: The Twig and Toadstool houses are up and on display on the trail.

Art Scavenger Hunt: Kami spoke about this project being ongoing. She will be speaking with the Chamber, Creative District, Downtown Anacortes Alliance and the Arts Festival. Other ideas were given to speak to MONA, various PTA's and the 98221 Studio Tour. These groups will help organize and get the word out about the program. Kami feels that next year it will be good to do in conjunction with a larger event to get more people involved. She has been placing the art map QR code stickers on the art but some have been removed and some are hard to place, such as the ones on the TTP.

The question was asked about the purpose of this project and who we are trying to reach. The Board responded that the goal is to let locals know what the Commission does and remind them how much public art is in Anacortes, but also to draw in tourists as there is lots to do and see. Annegret spoke about a few international art projects and how the saturation of art brings in visitors and tourism.

Kami mentioned that the new art, such as the bike pedestals and new mural, will need to be added to the map online. She will get photos and send them to Darby along with artist information for updating.

Piano-cortes: Bob spoke about this program. This went very well over the Arts Festival weekend. Both pianos turned out beautifully. They are currently on display at Calico Cupboard and the Creative Hub. The auction and sale is now in the hands of the Arts Festival. Looking to next year, North Sound Piano will have to commit to moving and tuning the pianos prior to starting the call to artists.

Discussion was had about what to do with the pianos if they do not sell.

Communication: Discussion was had about an art newsletter, in digital format. A recommendation was made that there should be a communications position on the Commission to help coordinate with other groups and manage the advertising for the Commission and programs. Bob stated that he would be willing to take on that position if someone else would take on the 98221 Gallery and Piano-cortes. Kami said should would be willing to take on Piano-cortes.

Other Business: Zach spoke about the Madrona Grove and coming up with a plan for when the show comes down in November. He also mentioned that the Commission should think about purchasing a new piece of art within the next six months. He also spoke about Arts on the Ave and collaborating with other groups to make this happen.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02pm

Respectfully submitted by Darby Jordan