

**City of Biddeford Public Art Commission  
Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2026**

**In attendance:**

- Jessica Muise, Chair
- Commission: Coco Corral, Rebecca Cote (via Teams), Braden Drypolcher, Kim Largey, and Beth Whitney
- Staff Liaison: Erika Dube, Deputy Recreation Director
  - Council Liaison: Councilor Abigail Woods *Excused Absence due to Budget Committee Meeting*

*One Commission Vacancy: Student Liaison*

**Meeting Called to Order:** 5:12PM (delayed to accommodate Teams attendance)

**Approval of March 2026 Meeting Minutes:**

- Motion to Approve: Coco Corral
- Seconded: Braden Drypolcher
- Discussion: none
- Vote: Unanimously approved

**Discussion Items**

**3.a Commission Goals 2025-2026:** in regards to filling all commission seats, Erika Dube shared that the BHS Arts Teacher has a potential interested student who may apply.

**3.b Commission Logo:** the commission reviewed the logos drafted by Coco Corral. Coco shared her through-vision for the designs including “visual simplicity in branding”, use of a vintage green that is “recognizable and a gateway color that unifies art across the city.” The commission determined they would like to conduct an internal survey rating the designs and finalize top choices at the May meeting. Jess Muise will send out a voting survey between meetings. The top 2 logos as determined from the survey and May meeting discussion will be presented to the City’s Communications Director, Danica Lamontagne for review and next steps for adoption.

**3.c Master Plan Next Steps:** Jess Muise received feedback from Danielle Moriarty at the Maine Arts Commission with suggestions to remove language about the artist directory, include more specific language about submissions process/file types, etc., and remove redundancies. The MP sub-committee will meet on April 30<sup>th</sup> for final revisions. The Policy Committee meeting date will be emailed to the BPAC once assigned; tentative June goal.

**3.d Five Points Sign Project with Downtown Development Commission:** Rebecca Cote updated the commission that the potential format of the Chamber fundraiser is moving towards a sponsorship opportunity, vs. a special event. The commission discussed strategies to support this project including:

- Fundraising
- Creating an Info Packet
- Aligning this with Art of Biddeford
- Collaboration with other city commissions to spearhead a fundraiser
- Identifying the DDC's vision and how the BPAC can best support and align with this work; Erika Dube will email Brad Favreau to invite the DDC to the next BPAC meeting or have BPAC members attend their next meeting.
- Additionally, Rebecca Cote led a discussion about the proposed Five Points wheat paste mural project. If the commission chose this project, the FY26 budget would be applied towards printing, supplies, installation, and artist fees. The commission discussed that to pursue this project, they would need to determine locations, and determine if a project that had fundraising elements to support the Five Points project met the mission of the BPAC, or if there should be a way for the public to participate in and experience art without an additional financial ask.

**3.e City Hall Gallery:** current installation can come down per BIS Art Teacher; Brad Favreau will remove it and return the pieces back to the school.

**3.f Biddeford Community Gardens Proposal:** inquiry from BCG to paint the second utility box located at the 315 Main Street park. The commission discussed their role in these inquiries and other questions related to the project (maintenance, materials, how to help connect these groups to the appropriate city entity, etc.) and ultimately decided this could be something potentially added to the Master Plan, i.e. how to support a submitted proposal.

**3.g Plan to spend budget by end of FY26:** items considered: promotional items for BPAC, interactive experience at an upcoming community event; funding to support the City Hall gallery. Jess Muise asked the commission to submit any ideas to consider as a proposal with an estimated budget by Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> to be included in the May agenda packet. Erika Dube will inquire to Finance if the FY26 funds could rollover if not used by June 30.

**3.h Collaging and Climate Change Workshop through UNE:** Example of a community engagement event, how to apply programming and themes.

#### **4. Review of Projects List**

**4.a Ongoing Projects: featured list of potential projects for the PAC**

**NEW:**

- **Tiny Art - see agenda packet:** the commission reviewed examples of Tiny Art and identified this as something achievable.
- **Biddeford Cultural Heritage Center - time capsule and RFP for new monument**
- **St Louis Alumni / La Kermesse**
- **Scott Joslin - Mills Mural proposal:** the Commission discussed ways they could support this effort which would be located on private property.

**5. Other Business:** no discussion items

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 5:00PM. Location: Room 2, J. Richard Martin Community Center – 189 Alfred Street

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:45PM

- Motion to Adjourn: Kim Largey
- Seconded: Beth Whitney
- Vote: Unanimously approved