

**ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY BOARD**

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

6:00 p.m.

City Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Sarah Huang at 6:02 pm

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Montre Bennett, Vice Chair
Daniel Cianciotto
Bob Costello, Second Vice Chair
Sarah E. Huang, Chair
Michelle Kaplan (arrived at 6:08 pm)

Absent:

James Amedeo

Staff present:

Jeff Oris, Assistant City Manager / Board Liaison
William Bennett, Assistant City Attorney
Rob Evans, Economic Development Manager
Jeane St. Luce, Executive Assistant

Roll was called and quorum was present.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A Motion was made by Bob Costello, seconded by Montre Bennett to approve the agenda. All in favor, no opposed. Motion **PASSED** unanimously **(4-0)**.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A Motion was made by Montre Bennett, seconded by Bob Costello to approve March 25, 2025 Minutes. All in favor, no opposed. Motion **PASSED** unanimously **(4-0)**.

A Motion was made by Montre Bennett, seconded by Bob Costello to approve April 28, 2025 Minutes. All in favor, no opposed. Motion **PASSED** unanimously **(4-0)**.

A Motion was made by Montre Bennett, seconded by Bob Costello to approve June 25, 2025 Minutes. All in favor, no opposed. Motion **PASSED** unanimously **(4-0)**.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

6. OLD BUSINESS:**A. Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Update**

Marusca Gatto provided an update. (Handout provided)

DDA in process for balance of 2025 year

- Year round First Friday Art Walks to include music and art activations
- Art & Jazz on the Avenue events from 6:00-9:30 pm
 - July 23: Pineapple Grove (NE 2nd Avenue)
 - October 22: Beachside
- Mural in memory of Vera Farrington in process of being transferred to Spady Museum. Waiting for location to be decided by Spady staff
- “A Legacy Through Art”, – Call to Artist – Winner Patricia Torres is working with Design Team on branding for OSS
- Delray Beach Adirondack chairs at Visitor Information Center – Existing Adirondack chairs were painted by local artist with “Delray Beach Visitor Center” – selfie opportunities to include location for photos
- #LoveDelray wellness activation: MC Yogi performed at Coco Market, Museum Yoga, TRX, Forme Pilates – downtown activation, Cold Collective Event, Chair Yoga at Library, multiple special wellness events highlighting wellness business in the downtown
- #LoveDelray Wellness Savings Pass – offers exclusive discounts and promotions at your favorite Downtown Delray shops, hotels, fitness and yoga studios, restaurants, and more
- More info to follow on www.downtowndelraybeach.com and www.delrayoldschoolsquare.com

Delray Old School Square Campus: Website: www.delrayoldschoolsquare.com

- #LoveDelray MC YOGI performed in collaboration with Coco Market – June 1
- Concerts: Free Sunset Concerts
 - May 15, 2025: The Dave Matthews Tribute Band
- New Exhibitions in Museum:
 - Impressions of Italy by Ralph Papa: Opened May 16, 2025
 - ICONS of ART Italian Mosaic Portraits: February 15, 2025 – Extended to October 27
 - POP Culture Exhibition: Opened July 5 (10 artists including Harold Caudio (Skittle Artist); Gwak – Sarasota Artist; Ashleigh Walters; Rogerio Pexieto; Damian Fitzsimmons and more (700 attended!)
 - Harold Caudio Art Talk – July 19 – Revealed Coco Gauff tribute artwork to Gauff/Odom family (300 attended)
 - Music at the Museum with live musician – every Wednesday 3:30 – 5:00 pm
 - Wellness at the Museum – NOW Wednesdays and Thursdays 11:00 – 12:00 pm

Pineapple Grove Art (No Update)
Delray Beach Art Trail – www.delrayarttrail.com

Updates:

- Updated and will be incorporated into a new DDA Website in progress

Utility Boxes

- Looking forward to seeing the new utility box project begin

Discussion ensued regarding the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) being established due to lack of parking and how the DDA is funded.

Board Member Michelle Kaplan asked if the Full Moon Yogo was sponsored by the DDA. She elaborated how a couple of artists approached her regarding having an event at Old School Square. She questioned if it is possible to have such an event.

Ms. Gatto stated the DDA did sponsored the Full Moon Yogo event, where 1,000 people signed up and over 600 were in attended. Ms. Gatto requested to have the artists reach out to the DDA to discuss an event at Old School Square but commented events are scheduled a year out.

B. Update On Utility Wrapping Pilot Program

Second Vice Chair Bob Costello discussed the background of the program and the difficult time getting the program started. He further discussed the call to the artist, which boxes would be wrapped and his vision for the program. Assistant City Manager Oris elaborated on the discussion and the expectation of the timeline due to FDOT.

C. Update On Sidewalk Stamping Program

Assistant City Manager spoke on the history of the program and discussions with the artist to finalize the program before the end of the year. Discussion ensued on the locations of the stampings.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Introduction Of New Board Liaison Rob Evans, Economic Development Manager

Assistant City Manager Jeff Oris introduced Rob Evans, Economic Development Manager, as the new Board Liaison.

Rob Evan, Economic Development Manager, introduced himself and elaborated on his background.

B. Discussion Regarding Potential Future Projects

Assistant City Manager Jeff Oris spoke on the Committee prioritizing future projects should funding become available. Some of the projects include the sidewalk stamping, wrapping utility boxes, painting of a mural on the sound wall at I95 and a frog statue on Frog Alley. Discussion ensued on the locations of the second and third murals on the sound wall at I95 and a frog statue on Frog Alley.

Assistant City Manager Jeff Oris introduced Marjorie Waldo, President/CEO of the Arts Garage. Ms. Waldo commented the Arts Garage is a non-profit, community base program that is located in the parking garage. She elaborated on the purpose of the Arts Garage and some of the hosted events and classes. Ms. Waldo discussed the impact of art on the community and her vision for three murals in the city-owned garage. She illustrated the design of the murals. The mural project should take approximately two months. She commented that since the Arts Garage is a non-profit and does not own the building, they cannot provide funding for the murals. She would like to facilitate the murals. She explained the project for the murals would cost approximately \$75,000 and has already spoken with DDA and the CRA regarding providing funding of \$25,000 each. She hoped the City would provide the liability or a waiver as the City owns the building. Discussion ensued on the artist paying for the supplies. She is requesting support and \$25,000 in financial support from the Board to get the mural completed.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Comments by Staff

Assistant City Manager announced this is Board Chair Sarah E. Huang last meeting and everyone thanked her for her service. Additionally, he stated Second Vice Chair Bob Costello was reappointed for a second term and Sam Spear has been appointed to fill Board Chair Sarah Huang's seat. Board member James Amedeo would be excused due to absenteeism.

B. Comments By Board Members

Board Chair Sarah Huang expressed her honor working on the Board.

Vice Chair Montre Bennett questioned if the Board needs to discuss the parameters for the call to artist process for the utility wrapping box. Assistant City Manager Oris stated there is not much the Board needs to do. If necessary, the Board can discuss it further at the next meeting.

Marusca Gatto suggested that when a project is completed, publicize the reveal to shine a light on the good work of the Board and City.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

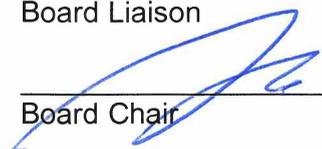
The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.



 Board Liaison

11/25/2025

 Date



 Board Chair

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