

AGENDA
SHAWNEE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
JANUARY 29, 2025 AT 11:30 AM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL
16 WEST 9TH STREET
SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

Official action can only be taken on items which appear on the agenda. The public body may adopt, approve, ratify, deny, defer, recommend, amend, strike, or continue any agenda item. When more information is needed to act on an item, the public body may refer the matter to Staff or back to Committee or the recommending body. Under certain circumstances, items are deferred to a future date or stricken from the agenda entirely.

CALL TO ORDER

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

1. Consideration of approval of the Minutes from the February 28, 2024, special call meeting.
2. Consideration of a request to place a mural at Jefferson Elementary School, located at 205 W Dill Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma.
3. Community Development Department Update
4. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Rian Harkins, Secretary

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SHAWNEE ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION MINUTES -SPECIAL MEETING

DATE: February 28, 2024

The Shawnee Arts & Culture Commission of the City of Shawnee, County of Pottawatomie, State of Oklahoma, met in person for a special meeting on February 28, 2024, at 11:30 a.m., according to notice duly posted as prescribed by law.

Vice-Chair Wolf called the meeting to order and requested a roll call.

Present: Goodson, Monroe, Simmons, Wolf

Absent: Grider, Sherman, Trim

City Planner Rachel Clyne stated a quorum was present.

Item 1. Approval of the minutes from the 22, 2023 special call meeting.

Minutes were approved.

Item 2. Consideration of a request to paint a mural on the west side of the building located at 411 E Main, Applicant: London Ledbetter

After a short presentation by staff and the applicant, the item was approved.

Item 3. Consideration and vote for the role of Chair of the Shawnee Arts and Culture Commission

After a short discussion, the commission voted Carmen Wolf as chair.

Item 3. Consideration and vote for the role of Vice-Chair of the Shawnee Arts and Culture Commission

After a short discussion, the commission voted Nicki Sherman as vice-chair.

The meeting adjourned at **11:45 a.m.**

Chair/Vice-Chair

Date

Community Development Director

Date



Shawnee Arts & Culture Commission Meeting – 01.29.25

Staff Report | SSAC01-25 | 205 W Dill – Mural at Jefferson School

Date: 1.21.2025

To: Shawnee Arts & Culture Commission

From: Rian Harkins, Community Development Director

Subject: **Staff Report** - Consideration of a request to paint a mural at Jefferson Elementary located at 205 W Dill Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma.
Case No.: **SACC 01-25** | Applicant: Shawnee Public Schools

Background

The subject property is located at 205 W Dill Street. The request is to paint a mural on the southwest side of the building, which would be facing Kickapoo Street. The applicant is requesting permission to install a mural on the exterior wall that would be 22 feet x 98 feet

The subject property is home to Jefferson Elementary School. The proposed mural is one of multiple art projects proposed at various buildings across the district. The school district has proposed utilizing a local artist, as noted in the narrative outlining their proposal. The upkeep of the mural will be the responsibility of the applicant.

Discussion

Referencing the City of Shawnee Municipal Code (Code) Section 22-750(b). Review by the Shawnee Arts & Culture Commission. “(b) *All artwork visible from a public street, on public or private property, either as a project commissioned independently by a property owner or under the auspices of this ordinance.*”

Since this proposed project is privately funded and on private property, the Shawnee Arts & Culture Commission is the deciding body; a recommendation to the City Commission is not required.

Options:

- Approval of Case No. SACC01-25, to paint the proposed mural on the southwest wall of the building at 205 W Dill Street (with or without specific conditions).
- Denial of the application for SACC01-25, thus preventing the painting of the proposed mural.
- Deferral of Case No. SACC01-25 with a request for additional and specific information to a certain date.

Recommendation: Approval of the item as presented.



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Proposal to the Arts Commission, City of Shawnee
Submitted by Shawnee Public Schools
Subject: Art Installation at Jefferson Elementary School

Project Overview

Shawnee Public Schools respectfully submits this proposal for the approval and support of a mural installation on the southwest wall of Jefferson Elementary School. This wall, measuring 22 feet in height and 96 feet in width, faces Kickapoo Street and offers a prominent and highly visible space for public art.

Project Description

The proposed mural will be designed and executed by local artist Nicholas Blanchard, whose recent works, including the Jim Thorpe mural at Jim Thorpe Stadium, have garnered significant community acclaim. The artwork will feature:

- **Thomas Jefferson:** As a tribute to the namesake of the school, the mural will prominently depict Thomas Jefferson.
- **Education Themes:** Surrounding Jefferson will be imagery related to education, representing growth, learning, and community values.
- **Color Palette:** Muted tones will be used to create a timeless aesthetic that blends seamlessly with the architectural style of the building.

The mural will utilize most of the available wall space, creating an engaging visual experience for students, staff, and the community.

Purpose and Vision

This project is part of a larger initiative to install murals at each elementary school site across the district. By integrating art into our schools, Shawnee Public Schools aims to:

1. **Enhance Community Engagement:** Promote a sense of pride and identity within the neighborhood and the city.
 2. **Celebrate Education:** Highlight the importance of education through thoughtful, inspiring imagery.
 3. **Support Local Artists:** Provide opportunities for artists like Nicholas Blanchard to contribute their talents to the community.
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Maintenance and Preservation

Shawnee Public Schools is committed to ensuring the longevity and vibrancy of the mural. The district will:

- **Conduct Regular Inspections:** The mural will be inspected by district facilities staff to assess its condition and identify any necessary maintenance.
 - Should the mural require touch-ups or repairs, Shawnee Public Schools will engage professional artists, including the original artist when available, to preserve the integrity of the artwork.
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Timeline

The anticipated timeline for completion of the mural is as follows:

- **Approval Phase:** January 2025
 - **Design Finalization:** January 2025
 - **Preparation and Installation:** January–March 2025
 - **Completion and Unveiling:** March 2025
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Funding

No direct funding from the Arts Commission is requested, though support in the form of permitting and promotional assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Conclusion

This mural at Jefferson Elementary will not only beautify the campus but will also serve as a landmark celebrating Shawnee's commitment to education and its vibrant community. We look

forward to the opportunity to work with the City of Shawnee and the Arts Commission to make this vision a reality.

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