

ERIE COUNTY ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES

General Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Meeting Minutes

The Arts in Public Places General Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 12th, 2025 in the Eat Off Art Studio, Tri-Main Building, 2495 Main St. Ste. 441, Buffalo NY 14214 and by video conference, in accordance with NYS Open Meetings Law. A quorum was present as indicated:

Members:

Alexa Wajed
Edreys Wajed
Don Siuta

Bernice Radle – via video conference

Ex-Officio Members:

William Geary (Commissioner of the Department of Public Works)
Tim Meyers (Chairman of the Erie County Legislature)

Other Attendees:

Thomas E. Baines (Deputy Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development)
Monica Boutin (Project Coordinator)
Tracy Cichocki (Deputy Commissioner Buildings and Grounds)

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum:

- The Arts in Public Places Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Wajed at 12:11 PM, roll call was taken by Monica Boutin and a quorum was declared present.

2. Approval of Draft Minutes:

- Upon motion by Mr. Wajed and seconded by Mr. Siuta, the Draft Minutes were unanimously approved.

3. 2025 Master Public Art Plan

- Ms. Wajed provided an update on the Public Hearing for the 2025 AIPP Master Public Art Plan that occurred on February 6th at 5:30 PM at the

Burchfield Penney Art Center. Ms. Wajed noted several attendees took part in the hearing, asking questions and providing comments and feedback.

- Upon motion by Mr. Wajed, and seconded by Mr. Siuta, the final 2025 AIPP Master Public Art Plan was approved.

4. Schedule Upcoming Meetings

- Mr. Geary suggested scheduling a meeting with Erie County DPW, Eric Jones from the AKG, and selected artists to discuss site planning and prep work in the first or second week of March.
- Moving forward, the Committee agreed to meet every other month at noon on Wednesday unless additional meetings are required.

5. Resolutions - none

6. Unfinished Business:

- Location, acquisition and rotation of small works. Mr. Geary suggested the creation of a commission to manage the curation, storage, and maintenance of small works similar to the City of Buffalo Arts Commission.
- Chairwoman Wajed suggested this work could potentially be done by a subcommittee of the AIPP general committee. Mr. Siuta noted the Buffalo Arts Commission representatives do not have term limits in the way AIPP committee members do.
- Mr. Geary noted that the Association of Erie County Governments (towns, cities, villages) could be a good resource to discuss AIPP programs and initiatives with local municipalities.
- Discussion ensued regarding the county's existing asset inventory, and whether the Erie County Historical Commission might be interested in collaborating or conducting an inventory of historical/artistic assets held by the county.

7. New Business

- Discussion ensued regarding potential sites to host a small works exhibition. Committee members suggested tours of potential sites for a direct experience of the available spaces.
- Mr. Siuta requested information on the county's policy regarding art donations. Mr. Geary noted donations must be approved by the Legislature.

8. Adjournment

- Upon motion by Mr. Siuta, and seconded by Mr. Wajed, the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 PM.