

ERIE COUNTY ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES

General Committee Meeting
Wednesday October 8, 2025

Meeting Minutes

The Art in Public Places General Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 8th, 2025 in Eat Off Art Studio, 2495 Main Street, Suite 441 Buffalo NY, and by video conference, in accordance with NYS Open Meetings Law. A quorum was present as indicated:

Members:

Alexa Wajed

Edreys Wajed

Bernice Radle (via video conference)

Don Siuta (via video conference)

Susan O'Connor Baird (excused)

Ex-Officio Members:

David Bojanowski (County Executive's Office)

William Geary (Commissioner: Dept. of Public Works)

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:

- The Art in Public Places Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Wajed at 12:06 PM, roll call was taken by Monica Boutin, a quorum was not present.

2. Approval of Draft Minutes:

- Draft minutes for August Meeting will be reviewed at December meeting due to lack of quorum.

3. 2025 Large Works Update

- Ms. Boutin and Mr. Cichocki provided an update on 2025 large works.
- Discussion ensued regarding design for exterior plaques.

4. Small Works Program

- Legislature Authorization Status
 - o Expected decision 10.9.2025
- Important Dates/ Project Schedule
 - o Ms. Boutin outlined the project schedule including upcoming dates for contract disbursement, art drop off, curation planning, installation, press conference, and opening reception.
- Curation Committee
 - o The general committee was invited to Oct 30th planning session at the Convention Center.
- Plaques
 - o Committee members identified design elements for Small Works plaques. To capture artist information (bios, etc.) that would not fit on plaques, the committee suggested the production of a physical and online art catalogue to be released in concert with the Small Works Opening. Discussion ensued about whether the images provided by artists would be sufficient for the catalogue or whether additional photos would be needed. Ms. Wajed suggested a contact who might be able to provide high resolution images of the Small Works if needed. Mr. Siuta noted the need for a written inventory of Small Works including a sheet on the back of each piece. Mr. Baines noted that for now Erie County DEP would maintain a file for each piece with contracts to substantiate ownership.

5. 2026 Master Public Art Plan

- Ms. Boutin noted that Erie County DEP would begin to draft next year's Master Public Art Plan for Committee approval.

6. Resolutions

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

9. Public Comment

10. Adjournment

- Upon motion by Mr. Wajed, and seconded by Ms. Wajed, the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 PM.