

Cultural Arts Committee

Thursday, June 18, 2026 – 6 P.M.

Novi Civic Center – Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Brazwell, Scarozza, Staab – Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Approved

MATTERS FOR COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

Staff presented a very early draft/layout of a cultural arts strategic plan. The plan will include community overview, goals, situational analysis, opportunities with and without city funding, priorities and implementation. Once completed the plan will be shared with City Council for discussion/action.

The group discussed the forthcoming citizens survey – can an art and/ or funding questions be included? What data is coming from the 2050 plan to be included in the plan?

No funding opportunities will include free and low funded opportunities and partnership ideas with Novi Community Schools and Novi Chamber of Commerce and collaborating with the city's economic development team. Member Brazwell will formulate program ideas. Member Staab will work with the Choralaires to investigate playing and more venues – possibly in small groups, at business openings, etc. Staff will investigate communities that have sculpture exhibits for emerging artists that may be looking for exposure.

With funding, the committee discussed art placement at existing PRO sites, completing David Barr's Roman Ruin and grant matches for sculpture and performance art. Member Scarozza provided grant information to the staff. Also discussed was seeking specific art mediums from resident artists for pieces to be placed around the city – possible on the PRO sites.

The committee discussed whether priorities are set by the committee or council using the included opportunities or a hybrid of both – committee sets free/low-cost priorities, and the council sets the priorities for funded options.

The next meeting will be held August 20, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.