



Independence Arts Council Minutes

November 18, 2025 4:00 PM

**111 E Maple Ave
Independence, MO 64050
Conference Room D**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM.

Members GK Callahan, Nancy Eppert, Katie Gall, Donna Knold, Cindy McClain, Alan Voss, and Carly Young were present. Member Tom Hall was absent.

Councilmember Heather Wiley, Councilmember John Perkins, Municipal Services Director Mike Jackson, and Assistant City Manager Charlie Dissell, representing the City, were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Truman Connected Phase 1 Art

Councilmember John Perkins introduced the Truman Connected project and highlighted an opportunity for collaboration between the Arts Council and the Tree Commission regarding the median along Winner Road.

Mike Jackson noted that the project budget allows for approximately five (5) art pads and shared staff recommendations.

Nancy Eppert referenced a similar initiative in Carmel, Indiana, and emphasized the importance of ensuring that trees do not interfere with the placement of art.

GK Callahan suggested that the art pads would look better at the ends of the medians rather than in the middle.

Cindy McClain inquired about potential engineering restrictions for placing pads at the ends of the medians. Jackson responded that he did not believe there were any restrictions and encouraged viewing the project as a “blank slate.”

Alan Voss asked if benches were included in the Truman Connected plans.

Callahan mentioned that the Creative Community Alliance (CCA) offers strong recommendations for projects like this and could provide rental art until permanent installations are feasible.

Katie Gall added that CCA recommends pads measuring four feet by four feet (4' x 4').

Jackson asked the Arts Council whether adding more pads would be preferable.

Callahan proposed placing one pad on each block from Sterling to Vassar, which would require six (6) to seven (7) pads. Jackson confirmed that the initial plan included larger pads, so this adjustment should not pose an issue.

Gall expressed support for the 4' x 4' pad size and for increasing the number of pads. Donna Knold, Carly Young, Eppert, and Callahan agreed. Knold also supported starting with rental art until permanent pieces can be acquired. Voss and McClain concurred.

Jackson concluded by stating that Municipal Services will update the plans and present them to the Arts Council at its next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.