



**CITY OF HOLLAND  
Public Art Advisory Committee  
Regular Meeting  
Agenda  
June 15, 2026, 11:00 a.m.**

**\*\*NOTE the location change\*\*  
Ice Park at Window on the Waterfront  
71 E 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Holland, MI 49423**

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- 1. Public Comment**
- 2. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes - April 13, 2026**
- 4. Walk and Discuss Potential Locations for Art Installations**
- 5. Other Business**
- 6. Adjournment**

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# PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 13, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

## Meeting Minutes

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The City of Holland's Public Art Advisory Board met in the City Manager's Conference Room at Holland City Hall.

**Present:** Freestone, Eich, Walcott, and Marroquin

**Absent:** Marquis

**Guests:**

**Others Present:** City Manager Van Beek, Parks & Recreation Director Kenyon, and Office Manager Huizenga

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### 2026.04.99 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

### 2026.04.100 Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2025

Committee member Walcott requested an amendment to include the wording of marginalized voices as part of the discussion surrounding the educational aspect of the statue at the Holland Museum.

Committee member Eich moved, and Chairperson Freestone seconded that the August 5, 2025 meeting minutes be approved as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

### 2026.04.101 Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves to new City Council liaison, Marroquin, and welcomed him to the Committee.

### 2026.04.102 Review of Application for Donation of Outdoor / Indoor Art or Monuments: *Outdoor Artwork - Steel Sculpture, "Home"*

Chairperson Freestone recused herself from the discussion, as she submitted the application for the sculpture, "Home" on behalf of Tulip Time. She, instead, was present to help answer questions.

In lieu of Chairperson Freestone, City Manager Van Beek facilitated the review.

This being Council liaison, Marroquin's first meeting, Van Beek provided background on the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) and the process for public art donations.

Freestone provided an overview of the sculpture. The piece was commissioned by Tulip Time for the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and since 2024, has been temporarily placed downtown during the Tulip Time festival. She indicated the goal is to find a permanent home for it; Tulip Time sees the Ice Park as an appropriate permanent location, as there is not an adequate space downtown for a sculpture of this size.

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*It was noted that Freestone sent a video to the Committee in advance of the meeting, which was made by Tulip Time for the unveiling of the "Home" sculpture, where the artist speaks about her reasons for creating the sculpture.*

Parks & Recreation Director Kenyon pulled up a map of the Ice Park, so the Committee could visually view possible locations. Additionally, Tulip Time's anticipated usage of the Ice Park during the festival was explained by Kenyon, noting they will be operating out of the concession building, and the Convention and Visitors Bureau will have a booth at the park as well.

Next, the Committee brainstormed possible locations for the "Home" sculpture. Each brought up the current location of the bronze sculptures, acknowledging these sculptures are becoming overshadowed by the trees. He pointed out the tulip sculpture would stand out there, offer a pop of color, and could serve as a guidepost to the tulip beds. He inquired about the possibility of swapping out those pieces with the tulip sculpture. The possibility of placing it among the tulip beds was discussed as well. Walcott addressed using the sculpture as a way to draw visitors into the tulip fields. Kenyon shared the planting of the tulip beds is different this year and includes more walking paths. Also, the possibility of placing the sculpture between the ADA ramp and the bronze sculptures was discussed in greater depth; the Committee voiced favor for this possible location. It was noted there are sharp edges on the tulip, and concern was voiced for it being placed too close to the playground.

A discussion regarding installing the sculpture in such a way that it could be moved in the future was had. The Committee also discussed landscaping. Kenyon shared landscaping will continue to be tweaked over time but is mostly complete.

The group expressed interest in taking a field trip to walk the site at the next meeting.

It was acknowledged that permanently placing the sculpture before Tulip Time is not feasible; however, it can be temporarily placed, by the City, at the site for this year's festival.

Freestone asked the Committee about their thoughts on signage. She was thinking of a simple plaque with the name of the sculpture and the artist's name. It was noted the application process did not have an area about signage.

The Committee decided not to take action on the application today; rather, they will take action when ready to choose a final location.

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### 2026.04.103 Other Business

#### Sculpture Walk Project

As part of the next meeting, it was agreed the Committee would also like to review and consider additional sculpture base locations as part of the future sculpture walk at the Ice Park and Window on the Waterfront.

The group would like to prioritize creating a plan, with the goal of adding a sculpture annually.

Walcott shared a public sculpture research project she, and a Hope College student will be starting mid-June on calls for entry and temporary loans. She expressed this project's finding could be helpful for the Committee and go hand-in-hand with their future goals.

Van Beek mentioned there is a \$10,000 line item provided in the budget to support public art and could be used specifically for this project.

The group briefly discussed corporations, financial support, and advertisements, with favor towards keeping away from advertisement.

Freestone expressed her like for the idea of temporary loans, and the opportunity it offers to bring attention to artists. Walcott suggested a two-year rotation, or rotating each on differing timeframes.

At the next meeting the group would like to identify 4-6 places where it would make sense to place bases.

It was noted to chart activity of Tulip Time this year to get an idea and feel for possible locations.

In closing, activating Window on the Waterfront as whole was briefly touched on, Velo Kids use of the space in the summer, the upcoming phase 1 of the bike park, and the brush cutting along Window on the Waterfront.

#### Recap of Next Steps

For Tulip Time this year, City Staff will temporarily place the sculpture, "Home" at the Ice Park. The Committee will meet after Tulip Time to finalize a decision on where to place the sculpture permanently, as well as identify preferred locations for future pieces.

Eich asked for a simple overhead map ahead of the next meeting.

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Freestone asked about process once a location is determined. Van Beek explained a recommendation would then go to Council. In regard to the sculpture walk, once the Committee has specifics, then that too would be an action request that goes to Council.

The Committee outlined a timeline: place "Home" in this calendar year, provide a sketch of the sculpture walk project with an update to Council by end of year.

In addition, the Hope student could present mid-August at a Council study session on the findings from their research project.

#### General Discussion

The Committee briefly conversed over activating art along City corridors.

#### Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 15 at 11:00 a.m. at the Ice Park. Kenyon will prepare a map ahead of the meeting.

#### **2026.04.104 Adjournment**

There being no further business, Committee member Eich moved with Committee Member Walcott seconding to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Mallory Huizenga