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**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
City Hall Board Room, 510 N. Baker Street, Mount Dora, FL 32757  
May 26, 2026 at 3:30 PM**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. March 24, 2026 Public Arts Commission Meeting Minutes
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Presentations
- VI. Action Items
  - A. Parking Lot Art Public Art Program
  - B. Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival
- VII. Resolutions
- VIII. Ordinances
- IX. Discussion Items
- X. City Staff
  - A. Staff Update
- XI. Communications and Reports
  - A. Commission Member Lindsay Perreault
  - B. Commission Member Paula Tucker
  - C. Commission Member Thomas Decker
  - D. Commission Member Jane Slivka

- E. Commission Member John Wesner
- F. Commission Member Janet Manchon
- G. Commission Member Robert Pearson

XII. Future Meeting Dates

- A. July 28, 2026, 3:30 p.m.
- B. September 22, 2026, 3:30 p.m.
- C. November 24, 2026, 3:30 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment

**NOTICE:** Please note that, for purposes of Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, two or more members of the City Council may be present at this meeting, and this meeting may be considered a City Council meeting.

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**DATE:** May 26, 2026  
**TO:** Public Arts Commission Members  
**FROM:** Troy Shonk, Director of Parks and Recreation  
**SUBJECT:** March 24, 2026 Public Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

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**Introduction:**

This is a request for the Public Arts Commission to approve meeting minutes.

**Discussion:**

Administrative staff prepare minutes and present them to the Commission as an opportunity to make suggestions or corrections prior to final approval.

**Budget Impact:**

N/A

**Strategic Impact:**

Detailed minutes ensure that Commission meetings are well documented and votes are recorded for the public record.

**Recommendation** Commission approve minutes as transcribed.

**Attachment(s):**

1. 3.24.26 PAC Minutes

Prepared by: Jennifer Schwarz, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation

Reviewed by: carsonc carsonc, Special Events Manager  
Troy Shonk, Parks & Recreation Director

Approved - 5/7/2026

Final Approval - 5/11/2026



**CITY OF  
MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA  
PUBLIC ARTS  
COMMISSION  
MINUTES**



**March 24, 2026  
City Hall  
510 N. Baker St.  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

Having been duly advertised as required by law, Chairperson Decker called to order the March 24, 2026, regular meeting of the Public Arts Commission at 3:30 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Thomas Decker  
Lindsay Perreault  
Paula Tucker  
Janet Manchon

**Also Present:**

Troy Shonk, Parks & Recreation Director  
Christopher Carson, Cultural & Special Events Manager  
Jennifer Schwarz, Parks & Recreation Deputy Director  
Gretchen Gomez, Parks & Recreation Admin Supervisor

**Members Not Present:**

Maryann McNamara  
Jane Slivka  
Robert Pearson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. January 27, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

***MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSION MEMBER MANCHON; COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRPERSON PERRAULT SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.***

*YES Chairperson Decker  
Vice-Chairperson Perrault  
Commission Member Tucker  
Commission Member Manchon*

*NO None*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PRESENTATIONS**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Sister City Canvas Picture Framing**

Discussion ensued regarding the Sister City Canvas Picture Framing and the location of where the canvas would be placed.

***MOTION BY COMMISSION MEMBER TUCKER, SECONDED BY COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRPERSON PERREAULT FOR THE SISTER CITY CANVAS PICTURE FRAMING TO BE STRETCHED, FRAMED, PLAQUED, WITH AN ALLOWANCE OF UP TO \$1300.00. MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.***

*YES Chairperson Decker  
Vice- Chairperson Perreault  
Commission Member Tucker  
Commission Member Manchon*

*NO None*

## **RESOLUTIONS**

## **ORDINANCES**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## **CITY STAFF**

### **A. Staff Update**

Mr. Carson informed the board that he has received an update regarding the Sunset Park Mural. The area is to be cleared and material has been purchased to start the project.

Mr. Carson discussed an Agenda Item Submission Form for the board. Vice-Chairperson Lindsay Perreault who created the form, further explained.

Mr. Carson informed the board about the red bird sculpture that was located in front of the Mount Dora Community Building which is now undergoing maintenance. The sculpture might be moved to Donnelly Park.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

### **A. Chairperson Thomas Decker**

### **B. Vice-Chairperson Lindsay Perreault**

Ms. Perreault discussed the Mount Dora Community Choir and presented information that the board had asked her about at the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **C. Commission Member Paula Tucker**

### **D. Commission Member Jane Slivka**

- E. Commission Member Maryann McNamara
- F. Commission Member Janet Manchon
- G. Commission Member Robert Pearson

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

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- B. July 28, 2026 3:30 p.m.
- C. September 22, 2026 3:30 p.m.
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**ADJOURNMENT**

***MOTION BY COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRPERSON PERREAULT TO ADJOURN;  
COMMISSION MEMBER MANCHON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED  
BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.***

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:34 P.M.

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**THOMAS DECKER, CHAIRPERSON  
City of Mount Dora**

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**GRETCHEN GOMEZ, ADMIN SUPERVISOR  
City of Mount Dora**



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**DATE:** May 26, 2026

**TO:** Public Arts Commission Members

**FROM:** Troy Shonk, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** Parking Lot Art Public Art Program

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**Introduction:**

This item requests discussion and approval from the Public Arts Commission to adopt a Parking Garage Public Art Program.

**Discussion:**

The following introduction is presented to the Public Arts Advisory Board for discussion and consideration regarding the potential development of a “Parking Lot Arts Program” within the City of Mount Dora.

The concept proposes transforming the south-facing façade of the City parking garage located at Donnelly and Charles Avenues into a public outdoor gallery space as part of the City’s Art Stroll initiative. The proposed program would feature large-format reproductions of original artwork created by artists residing in Lake County, with the potential to display up to twenty pieces of artwork on the exterior façade of the structure.

The intent of the program would be to enhance the visual character of the downtown area, create additional opportunities for local artist recognition, and further promote public engagement with the arts. By incorporating artwork into a prominent public space, the project could contribute to the City’s ongoing efforts to support arts and culture while creating a more vibrant and welcoming environment for residents and visitors.

If supported by the Advisory Board, the program would include a formal “Call to Artists” inviting Lake County artists to submit digital images of original artwork for review and potential selection. Selected works would be reproduced in large-format outdoor displays and installed by City staff in phases as funding and budget allocations allow.

The proposed initiative would also encourage collaboration with local arts organizations, galleries, schools, and community partners throughout Lake County to assist with promotion and artist outreach.

This discussion item is intended to provide the Advisory Board with an overview of the proposed concept, submission process, selection framework, and installation considerations for feedback and further direction.

**Budget Impact:**

There are budgeted funds for public arts projects in GL code 001-1340-572.31-01.

**Strategic Impact:**

The Public Arts Commission recognizes the need for projects that were approved within the Public Arts Master Plan.

**Recommendation** Staff respectfully requests approval from the Public Arts Commission to establish and adopt the proposed Parking Garage Public Art Program, including the development of appropriate program guidelines and the creation and release of a formal Call to Artists for participation.

**Attachment(s):**

- 1. Draft proposal for discussion by the Public Arts Commission of the City of Mount Dora
- 2. Art Walk Stroll Project parameters
- 3. full width of parking facade
- 4. Guidelines and Specifications
- 5. illustration of 4 prints on a panel of garage
- 6. panel dimensions
- 7. poster call

Prepared by: carsonc carsonc, Special Events Manager  
Reviewed by: Troy Shonk, Parks & Recreation Director

Final Approval - 5/11/2026

# A draft proposal for discussion by the Public Arts Commission of the City of Mt Dora

Robert Pearson



## Project

To display up to 20 outdoor prints on the south-facing façade of the City’s parking lot at Donnelly and Charles Avenues as part of the City’s Art Stroll.

## Promotion

The Public Arts Commission will invite artists who reside in Lake County to submit photos of their paintings to consider for reproduction and display in large format (e.g., up to four by six feet) on the façade of the City’s parking garage at Donnelly and Charles Avenues.

A “Call to Artists” will take place October 1 – November 12 and will be promoted through a variety of channels:

1. The website of the City of Mount Dora (which will also include detailed specifications for submission)
2. Posters and flyers available at artist venues throughout the county, including but not limited to:
  - a. Lake County Museum of Art
  - b. Mount Dora Art League
  - c. Leesburg Center for the Arts
  - d. Mount Dora Center for the Arts
  - e. Artisans Gallery
  - f. Art Farm Gallery
  - g. Jane Slivka Art Gallery
  - h. The art club of Mt Dora High School
3. The social media (e.g., emails, Web pages, Facebook pages) and member meetings of any of the above organizations who agree to collaborate with the Commission in promoting this competition.

## Submission

Artists may submit photos of one or two of their paintings as JPEG files to XXXXXXXX as attachments between October 1, 2026, and midnight on November 12, 2026.

Each photo should be at least 2 MB and no more than 10 MB in size and have a file name with the following format: artist's last name.artist's first name.title of painting (e.g., pearson.robert.dijon morning)

The original paintings may use any medium (e.g., oil, pastel, color pencil, photography, etc.), be either representational or abstract, and include any subject suitable for public display in Mount Dora.

There are no fees for submission.

## **Entry Process**

All entries will be submitted via xxxx. See the [Entry Guidelines and Specifications](#) for details concerning submission and selection.

## **Selection**

The Public Arts Commission will appoint two judges who are not members of the Commission to join Robert Pearson as judges for the selection of art to recommend for display to the Public Arts Commission who will make the final selections.

The judges will nominate up to 30 paintings from which the Public Arts Commission will select up to 20.

Artists whose works are selected will receive an honorarium of \$150.

## **Installation**

The artwork will be mounted on the façade of the parking lot by staff of the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Mount Dora and may take place in stages depending on the year in which the budget is allocated, committed, and spent.

April 24, 2026

# Art Walk Stroll Project Parameters/Decisions

## The what

Approx. 20 HD metal prints, approx. 4x6 feet in size

4 prints each on 5 of the 7 panels on the parking facade

## The cost

20 x \$1,000 = \$20,000 plus plaques

## Honoraria to artists

\$150

## Subject/Style of art?

Unlimited, varied (but appropriate for community sensibilities), just very good art

## Artist residency requirement?

Lake County

April 24, 2026



# Draft for discussion by the Public Arts Commission of the City of Mt Dora

## Entry Guidelines and Specifications

Robert Pearson



**Submissions open October 1, 2026**

**Submissions close at midnight November 12, 2026.**

**There is no fee for submission.**

Artists may submit one or two entries.

**Winning entries will be announced November 25, 2026**

**Only artists residing in Lake County may submit entries.**

**Artists whose work is selected will receive an honorarium of \$150.**

### Image and Filename Specifications

- **File Format:** Submit original, high-quality JPEG image files of at least 2 MB. Smaller images cannot be enlarged to meet the requirements, so ensure your images are high resolution before uploading. Other formats (e.g., PNG, TIFF) are not accepted.
- **Crop Your Image:** Ensure only the artwork itself is visible in the image. **Do not show any visible matting, frames, or background distractions.**
- **Orientation:** Make sure your image is oriented correctly (right side up) so that the artwork appears in its intended viewing direction.
- **File Names:** Please name each submission with the artist's last name, first name, and title of work (e.g., Pearson.Robert.Dijon Morning).
- **Quality Tips:**
  - Use your camera's highest quality setting to capture the image.
  - Ensure the artwork is well-lit and avoid glare from glass.
  - Crop out any parts of the photo that are not the artwork.

## Entry Process

All entries must be submitted as an email attachment to xxxx.gov.

## Terms and Conditions

- Art work must be original two dimensional using any medium.
- There is no Minimum or Maximum size of the original whose photo you will submit.
- **All artwork must be original and created from conception to completion by the submitting artist.** Artists confirm by their submission that the work is their own and copyrighted images incorporated in the work have not been used.
- Selected art will be showcased on the City of Mount Dora's website. By entering, entrants are consenting to have a reproduction of their work used for promotion of the exhibit.
- **No use of Artificial Intelligence, either in the conception or development of the work, is permitted.** Should your image be found to be referenced from AI or other copyrighted images, your entry will be disqualified.

## Selection Process

Each entry is reviewed and scored by an independent jury panel of three artists who submit their recommendations to Mount Dora's Public Arts Commission for final selection. The panel selects works for the exhibit based on the quality of the composition and its mastery of color and values.

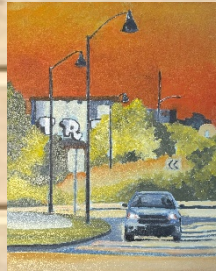
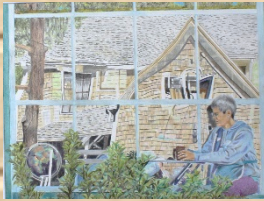
**IMPORTANT:** Jurors in the panel make selections based on the image entered. Make sure the image depicts a true representation of the work. **Images that are not displayed right side up, or without proper cropping, or with frames included, will not be juried.**

## Questions

For questions about this project, please contact ....

Your participation is greatly appreciated.

April 24, 2026







(A plaque on each column)

Art on this panel:

Homage to Florida  
Highwaymen  
By Stan Musial

Shelf  
By Bob Gibson

Wine Pearing  
By Ozzie Newsom

Hatter Aria  
By Bob Boyer

Cottage at the  
Lakeside Inn  
By Bill White

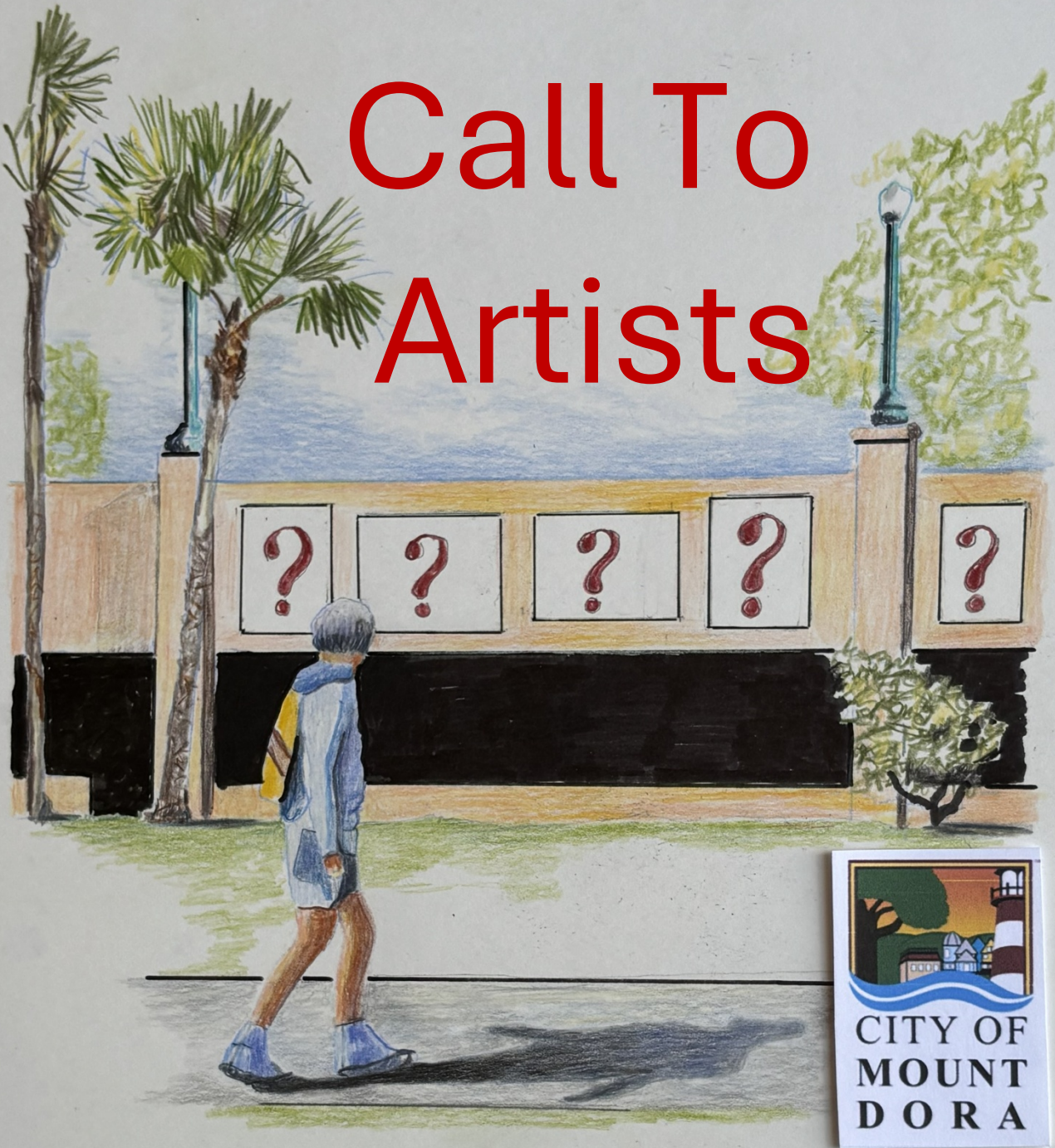
(A plaque on right most column)

The art displayed on this façade was  
commissioned by the Public Art  
Commission of the City of Mount Dora,  
Parks and Recreation Division

In collaboration with:

Mount Dora Art League  
Mount Dora Center for the Arts  
Lake County Museum of Art  
Mount Dora High School Art  
Department

# Call To Artists



Exciting test here



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**DATE:** May 26, 2026

**TO:** Public Arts Commission Members

**FROM:** Troy Shonk, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival

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## **Introduction:**

This item requests approval from the Public Arts Commission for funding support of a Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival to be presented by the Public Arts Commission as part of the City's ongoing commitment to arts and cultural programming.

## **Discussion:**

The following introduction is drafted for discussion and consideration by the Public Arts Commission regarding a proposed Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival to be held at Sunset Park on August 29, 2026.

The proposed event would take place from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and would celebrate creativity, community engagement, and interactive public art within the downtown waterfront area. The festival concept is designed to feature professional and community sidewalk chalk artists creating large-scale temporary works throughout the park while incorporating live entertainment, visual arts, and family-friendly cultural programming.

The chalk art experience would be integrated throughout Sunset Park utilizing designated pathways, open plaza spaces, and waterfront walkways to create an immersive outdoor gallery experience for attendees. Participating artists would be invited to create original temporary chalk murals and interactive visual installations that visitors could experience while walking through the park. The event would seek participation from artists representing a variety of cultural backgrounds, artistic styles, and creative disciplines, further reflecting the diversity and inclusiveness of the arts community. The festival would also provide opportunities for emerging artists, student artists, and established professionals to showcase their talents in a highly visible public setting.

A featured component of the event would include “Acrylic Beats,” an immersive music and live art presentation that combines live painting with DJ-driven musical performances. This unique artistic experience showcases artists creating visual masterpieces in real time as music influences the rhythm, mood, and style of the artwork. The presentation would blend modern and abstract artistic expression with live musical elements, creating an engaging atmosphere intended to enhance the festival experience for attendees of all ages.

In addition to serving as a community arts activation, the proposed festival has the potential to generate regional media attention and further position Mount Dora as a destination that embraces arts, culture, and creative placemaking. Public art festivals and interactive art experiences continue to attract strong social media engagement, photography opportunities, and tourism interest, all of which help elevate community visibility and economic activity within the downtown area. The event would complement Mount Dora’s longstanding reputation as an arts-focused community that values artistic expression, cultural experiences, and the continued support of local and visiting artists.

The proposed Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival would further support the City’s continued efforts to activate public spaces through arts and cultural programming while providing an additional opportunity to highlight local and regional artists in a vibrant waterfront setting.

**Budget Impact:**

There are budgeted funds for public arts projects in GL code 001-1340-572.31-01.

**Strategic Impact:**

The Public Arts Commission recognizes the importance of implementing projects identified and approved within the Public Arts Master Plan as part of its continued commitment to enhancing the cultural identity, artistic vibrancy, and community engagement opportunities throughout the City.

**Recommendation** This item presents an opportunity for the Public Arts Commission to approve a public arts program that celebrates creative expression through sidewalk chalk art installations and live performing arts experiences, while fostering community engagement and highlighting the City’s commitment to arts and culture.

**Attachment(s):**

- 1. Proposed Budget
- 2. Sidewalk Art picture 1
- 3. Sidewalk Art picture 2
- 4. Sergio of Acrylic Beat presentation

Prepared by: carsonc carsonc, Special Events Manager  
Reviewed by: Whitney Donovan, Purchasing Coordinator  
Troy Shonk, Parks & Recreation Director

Approved - 5/8/2026  
Final Approval - 5/11/2026



# Proposed Budget

## City of Mount Dora – Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival

**Prospective Date: August 29, 2026**

**Venue: Sunset Park**

**Includes Live Music & Strolling Entertainment**

*(Estimated for a one-day downtown/community event with 1,500–3,000 attendees)*

<b>Category</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Event Featured Entertainment – Acrylic Beats	\$8,500
Strolling Entertainment (stilt walkers, caricature artists, jugglers, living statues, balloon artists, etc.)	\$1,000
Sound Production / Audio & Lighting Technician	\$2,000
Chalk Supplies (professional chalk, kids chalk stations)	\$700
Artist Prizes & Awards	\$500
Children’s Interactive Area	\$1,500
Portable Restrooms / Handwashing Stations	\$1,000
Marketing & Promotion (social media, flyers, banners)	\$1,500
Signage & Wayfinding	\$750
Volunteer Hospitality / Water / Snacks	\$500
Miscellaneous / Contingency	\$500

**Estimated Total Budget: \$18,450**





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**DATE:** May 26, 2026

**TO:** Public Arts Commission Members

**FROM:** Troy Shonk, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** Staff Update

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**Introduction:**

Staff Update

**Discussion:**

Provide updates on the following projects:

Sunset Park Restroom Mural

Sister City Canvas Picture

Everglade Chair for Simpson Cove Arrival

**Budget Impact:**

N/A

**Strategic Impact:**

N/A

**Recommendation**

**Attachment(s):**

Prepared by: Jennifer Schwarz, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation

Reviewed by: carsonc carsonc, Special Events Manager  
Troy Shonk, Parks & Recreation Director

Approved - 5/7/2026

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