



## CITY OF FISHERS AGENDA

**BOARD/COMMISSION:** Fishers Arts and Culture Commission

**DATE:** 9/9/2025 at 6:00 PM

**ADDRESS:** Fishers Municipal Center, Nickel Plate Conference Room, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers 46038

Members of the public are encouraged to [submit comments to the board via this form](#) before 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

See the list of board members at [FishersIN.gov/FACC](https://fishersin.gov/FACC).

- 1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Ice Breaker**
- 4. Consent Agenda**
  - a. FACC Minutes 2-6-25 DRAFT
  - b. FACC Minutes 5-13-25 DRAFT
- 5. New Business**
  - a. Fishers Parks Update
  - b. Community and Public Relations Update
  - c. Planning & Zoning Update
    - Financials
    - Meeting time change discussion
  - d. Creative Council Update

- e. Wilkinson Brothers Edge Banners
- f. Business Matching Grant - District South
- g. NPT Electrical Boxes

**6. Community Comment**

**7. Announcements**

**8. Adjournment**



**APPROVED**

**The February 6, 2025, meeting of the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission was convened at 5:00 p.m. by Ross Hilleary.**

In attendance: Mark Williams, Drew Braley, Angie Frazier, Cecilia Coble, Rasha Nayal. Laura Villanyi was not present. Also in attendance, Paul Walters, Kay Prange, Ross Hilleary, Marissa Deckert, Christy Cashin, Les Rheinhardt, Ryan Shelton, Larry Lannan. Les will also vote on the Grant Applications.

This is a Special meeting to vote on Grant applicants.

**New Business:**

Ross Hilleary summarized the Grant process. \$75,000 was budgeted, and \$72,600 was requested by applicants. When selecting applicants, the total requested amount does not have to be funded. Les noted that applicants need to confirm partnerships prior to applying.

In reviewing the spreadsheet, the board noted that items FACC-24-2 and FACC-24-3 were the lowest scoring. If these two were skipped, there would be \$57,600 left.

There was discussion about what to do with leftover funds. Cecilia wants to engage the Nickel Plate Trail. Rasha suggested concerts at the AMP. Marissa did note that it is \$5000 to reserve a concert at the AMP. A second round of Grant applicants could be opened up. Mark advised that this is a bad precedent to open up a 2<sup>nd</sup> round. Les advises applicants not to ask for food, drink, transportation, rental fees. Mark agreed that we will work on Grant guidelines based on Les' feedback. Ross noted that the Board can bring forward a proposal for the difference between \$57,600 and \$75,000.

**Angie Frazier asked for a Motion. Mark Williams made a Motion to approve the applications as requested, excluding the first two. Cecilia Coble seconded. The Motion was approved, 6-0.**

**Announcements:** Les discussed the Valentines Day Gallery Hop. Ryan told the group that the Comic Book in a Day event was a great success.

**Adjournment-** As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.



**The May 13, 2025, meeting of the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission was convened at 6:20 p.m. by Drew Braley.**

In attendance: Mark Williams, Drew Braley, Rasha Nayal. Cecilia and Angie were not in attendance. Also in attendance, Ashley Paul Walters, Kay Prange, Christy Cashin, Les Rheinhardt, and Ryan Shelton.

**The Commission has 7 seats, and there are 2 open seats. We need 4 voting members for quorum. We only had 3 voting members so no votes could be taken.**

**Notes from discussion:**

New member was announced Neil Stevenson.

The upcoming July 8 meeting has 2 members who can't attend- Rasha and Drew

What about a 5:00 start time next year?

Ashley Elrod gave a presentation on art on the Nickel Plate Trail. We have a 10-year deal with IU Health.

Christy will update the Board on Financials and electrical box art.

**Announcements**

**Adjournment-** As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.



**September 2025 Financial Report**

**FACC Expenses**

Batch Number	Invoice Date	BOW Date	PO Number	Vendor #	Vendor	Description	Amount	\$75,000.00
		2/25/2025			Forward Motion	2025 FACC Grant	\$5,400.00	\$69,600.00
		2/25/2025			Noblesville Creates	2025 FACC Grant	\$2,500.00	\$67,100.00
		2/25/2025			Lantern Islamic Theater Company	2025 FACC Grant	\$7,500.00	\$59,600.00
		2/25/2025			Emerging Pearls Foundation, Inc.	2025 FACC Grant	\$7,500.00	\$52,100.00
		2/25/2025			Hamilton County Artists' Association	2025 FACC Grant	\$2,000.00	\$50,100.00
		2/25/2025			Fishers Music Works	2025 FACC Grant	\$7,500.00	\$42,600.00
		2/25/2025			Art By Johnson Simon LLC	2025 FACC Grant	\$7,500.00	\$35,100.00
		2/25/2025			Brandon Meeks Music	2025 FACC Grant	\$7,500.00	\$27,600.00
		2/25/2025			Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy	2025 FACC Grant	\$4,000.00	\$23,600.00
		2/25/2025			Indianapolis Children's Choir	2025 FACC Grant	\$1,700.00	\$21,900.00
		2/25/2025			HSE	2025 FACC Grant	\$4,500.00	\$17,400.00

**THBC Art Funds**

Batch Number	Invoice Date	BOW Date	PO Number	Vendor #	Vendor	Description	Amount	\$123,170.00

**Project:** The Edge Garage Banners Series Five

**Artist:** The Wilkinson Brothers

**Timeline:** Proposed Install Fall 2025

**Summary:**

As part of an architectural requirement for The Edge building, located at 8890 E 116<sup>th</sup> Street, a set of nine banners have been installed since 2016. Originally three sets were commissioned which included "Pursuing Innovation" by Rachel Kavathe, "United" by Warren Miller, and "Star-Spangled Symphony" by Kyle Ragsdale.



*Photo via Rachel Kavathe Studios*

In 2020 the Arts Commission selected Indianapolis artist Tasha Beckwith for Series 4 and "Seasons Nouveau" was installed in early 2021 and celebrated not only the passing seasons but also representation the diverse women who live in our community. With an expected life span of 18 – 24 months this banners series has served the community well as a gateway off I-69 to downtown and the Nickel Palte District, a state recognized cultural district. Series 4 will be recycled with Hamilton County Tourism ongoing partnership with People for Urban Progress (PUP) whose mission is to "redefine commerical waste through product development". If the materials meet their minimum standards the banners will likely be made into wallets, totes, and bags.



Photo via City of Fishers

Staff would like to extend a Professional Services Agreement with the Wilkinson Brothers, a graphic design team from Carmel, Indiana. They would create a banners series that celebrates the three professional sports, Indy Fuel, Indy Ignite, and the Fishers Freight that each call the Fishers Event Center home.



The Wilkinson Brothers work can be seen here in Fishers at the "Greetings from Fishers" mural located on the patio off Café Patachou.

**Timeline:**

Art would be installed in Fall 2025.

**Total Cost:**

The Professional Services Agreement for the artwork would be \$10,000. Staff will work with Sports Graphics who printed and installed the previous banners. The intended cost includes removal, installation, printing and repair of the existing banner infrastructure is not to exceed \$15,000. Total project cost is not to exceed \$25,000.

**Project:** Business Matching Grant

**Business:** Rebar Development

**Location:** 8680 Edison Plaza Drive (off South Street)

**Timeline:** Murals to be installed in 2026

**Background:**

District South is a mixed-use development which includes five buildings in total with a mixture of office, retail and apartments anchored by the Annex Groups HQ. The development broke ground in 2024 and is now open.



*Photo via District South*

**Project Summary:**

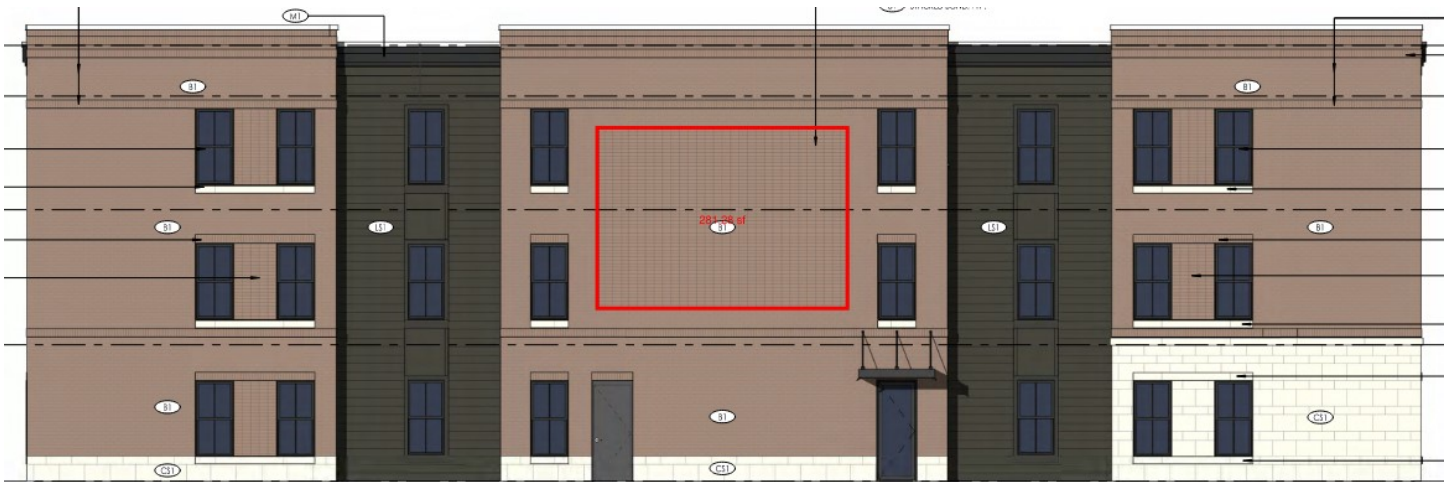
The developer has applied for a business matching grant to install four (4) murals of four of their buildings, two which face a trail connection that connects the Cheeney Creek Trail to South Street.

**Timeline:**

Staff would work with the developer to find an artist or artists to paint the murals through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process. If the developer finds an artist the proposed work will still be reviewed by the Arts & Culture review committee which will include staff, any Commissioners, with invites will be extended to Fishers Arts Council, Fishers Art Center, Noblesville Creates and Hamilton East Public Library.



Site Plan: The murals would be located on Building 1, Building 4, Building 2 and Building 5, in areas shown in red.



Building Elevation: The mural will be located within the red square, approximately 280 square feet.

**Total Cost:**

The Professional Services Agreement for a single mural would not exceed \$10,000, for a total project cost of \$40,000. The Business Matching Grant is a 50% match, so the grant request is not to exceed \$20,000.

**Project:** Nickel Plate Trail Electrical Boxes

**Artist:** To be found via Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

**Timeline:** PSA executed in Q4 2025, Install Q2 2026

**Background:**

Originally in coordination with Fishers Arts Council some of the first art residents and visitors see as they enter downtown and the Nickel Plate District, a state recognized Cultural District, are the City's eight (8) painted electrical boxes. Along E 116<sup>th</sup> Street, Commercial Drive and Municipal Drive they add a pop of art and color where otherwise a standard utility box would be.



*Photos via Hamilton County Tourism Public Art Map*

**Project Summary:**

Staff has identified seven (7) locations for electrical boxes located along the Nickel Plate Trail that would extend this program. Located at the intersections along the Nickel Plate Trail they span from E 106<sup>th</sup> street to E 141<sup>st</sup> Street, providing an ongoing art experience along the trail.

The locations are:

- Nickel Plate Trail & E 106<sup>th</sup> Street
- Nickel Plate Trail & Fishers Pointe Boulevard
- Nickel Plate Trail & South Street
- Nickel Plate Trail & Lantern Rd
- Nickel Plate Trail & 126<sup>th</sup> Street

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- Nickel Plate Trail & 131<sup>st</sup> Street
- Nickel Plate Trail & 141<sup>st</sup> Street

Staff would conduct an RFQ for up to seven artists to paint or wrap each box. The artist would review by the Arts & Culture review committee which will include staff, any Commissioners, with invites will be extended to Fishers Arts Council, Fishers Art Center, Noblesville Creates and Hamilton East Public Library.



*Nickel Plate Trail & E 106th Street*

**Timeline:**

Staff would like to release an RFQ early October, with artist selected before the end of November. Artwork would be installed in Spring 2026.

**Total Cost:**

The Professional Services Agreement for a single electrical box will be for \$2,000 to paint or wrap. The City of Fishers owns electrical boxes. This brings the total expected project cost to \$14,000.

Staff will work with the artists from the previous electrical box art project to provide maintenance and repair of their original work. This work is not to exceed \$3,400.