City of Lakewood
Public Art Advisory Board (PAAB)

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MINUTES
MEETING OF PUBLIC ART ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF LAKEWOOD
12650 DETROIT AVENUE
JANUARY 14, 2026
5:30 P.M.
AUDITORIUM
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1. Roll Call

Members Present
Gina DeSantis
Jason Frederick, Vice Chair
Dave Robar, Chair

Staff Present
Angela Byington, Planning and Development Dir.
Amanda Cramer, Secretary, City Planner

Beth Ryan and Marisa Razi were absent from the meeting.

2. Opening Remarks

Ms. Cramer read the Opening Remarks into record.

3. Approval of the October 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes. Mr. Frederick made a motion to approve the minutes, Ms. DeSantis seconded. The motion passed.

4. 2026 CDBG Art

Ms. Cramer reviewed the additional traffic signal boxes and bus shelter wraps that would be installed in 2026 as part of the City's 2026 CDBG budget. Six artists would be chosen to complete five traffic signal boxes each, artists would be chosen to wrap two shelters for two artists and one shelter for one artist. As the proposal was written, the Board was able to select the following artists from previous pools to complete the work:
Traffic Signal Boxes

- Nathalie Bermudez Pineda
- Chi-Irena Wong
- Debbie Clapper
- Sequoia Bostick
- Mickey Mencin
- Thao Nguyen

Bus Shelter Wraps

- snackbreak studio, 2 wraps
- Joseph Richmond, 2 wraps
- Beth Keenan, 1 wrap

5. 2026 Spectacular Vernacular

    a. Ms. Cramer noted that the City would like to re-install former murals that have deteriorated. They would be reviewing options but would most likely use an aluminum sheet to install the artwork or painted on the brick itself. The piece that was on Aladdin's will be re-installed with same design but the Superscript building mural will be re-imagined through an RFP process.
    b. Ms. Cramer discussed the "Birds of Birdtown" concept where sculptural birds would be welded to the top of street signs in the Birdtown National Historic District. The Board suggested the birds align with the street names and be colored.

6. 2026 Election of Officers

The Board opted to delay the election until all members were present.

7. Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Robar, seconded by Ms. DeSantis to **ADJOURN the meeting at 6:25 p.m.** All the members voted yea; the motion passed.

David L. Robar.
Signature

5/26/2026
Date

Oath

(You need not give an oath if you object. If you object to giving an oath, please notify the hearing officer or secretary before signing below.)

I, the undersigned, hereby solemnly swear that the testimony I give at this proceeding will be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth:

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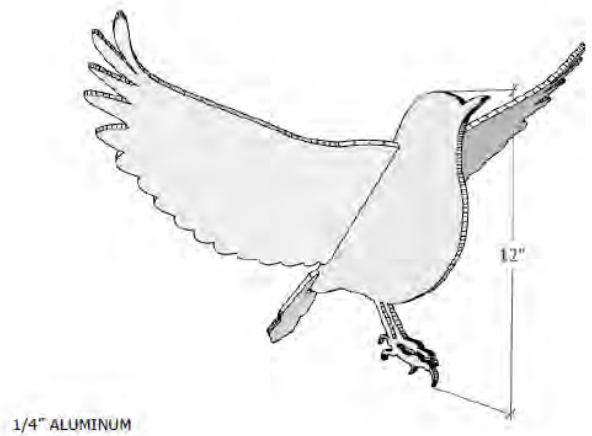
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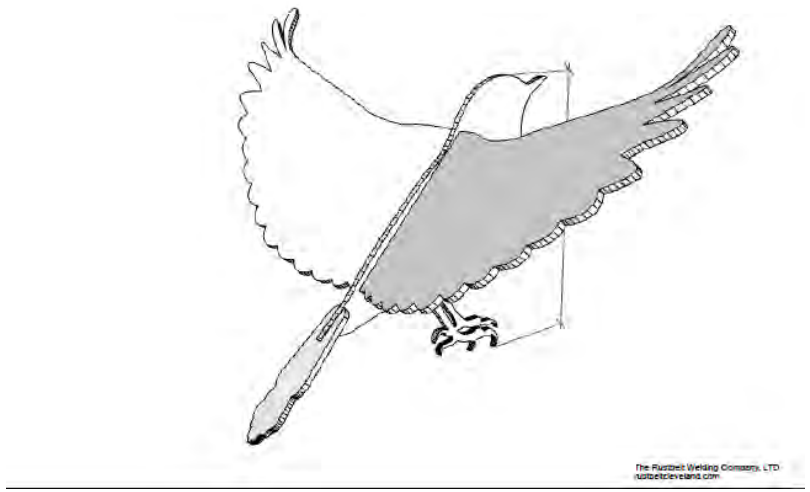



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- Similar to the Bluebirds of Edgewater Hill neighborhood, we can capitalize on the Birdtown Neighborhood with small birds/statues on street signs, or in another pre-determined location.
- Each intersection to have it’s own bird: Lark would have a Lark, Plover would have a Plover, etc.
- ¼” aluminum, powder coated, color of choice.
- 12” tall
- 10 birds is $3,798. Working on personalizing and install costs. Rustbelt welding. We have 20 signs in the neighborhood. I would estimate total costs at **$10k with contingency.**





- Option to redo signs to include some notice that this is part of the historic district.





- We have gotten several businesses/artists who have noted their murals are falling off (Aladdin's, next to Superscript) and need to be fixed.
  - Aluminum mural, similar to Boom's structure. Same design as existing – Stephanie Crossen.
  - Superscript mural: could paint or aluminum mural. Working through options with ownership.
  - Need to consider Visual Artists Rights Act about "destruction of artwork".