



Ocala Municipal Arts Commission Agenda - Final

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Meeting Information

Location

Ocala City Hall
110 SE Watula Avenue
Second Floor - Council Chambers
Ocala, Florida

<https://www.ocalafl.gov/meetings>

Time

4:00 PM

Board Members

Emily Andrews
Jaye Baillie
Arnold Barbaro
Pedro "Tito" Comas
Jean Floten
Dr. Leslie Hammond
Brooke Hutto
Natalie McComb
Darian Mosley
David Reutter
Greg Thompson

Staff:

Emily Parkman
Cultural Arts Supervisor
Growth Management Department

Jeff Shrum, AICP
Director
Growth Management Department

Aubrey Hale
Planning Director
Growth Management Department

William Spinney
Community Outreach Manager
Growth Management Department

Yiovanni Santiago
Committee Secretary

WELCOME!

All members of the public are invited to attend. If reasonable accommodations are needed for you to participate in this meeting, please call 629-8287 forty-eight (48) hours in advance so that arrangements can be made.

APPEALS

Any person who desires to appeal any decision at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for this purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made that includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made.

1. Call To Order
 - a. Roll Call
2. Proof of Publication

The public notice for the Ocala Municipal Arts Commission was posted on March 26, 2026.
3. Approval of Minutes

None
4. Grants / Applications
 - a. None
5. Projects
 - a. [Approve the Mount Moriah Commemorative Public Art Project](#)

Presentation By: Cultural Arts Supervisor, Emily Parkman
 - b. [Public Artist Roster open call.](#)

Presentation By: Cultural Arts Coordinator, Jamie Antonetti
6. Other Business
 - a. [Review current license plate fund and available funding for fiscal year 2026](#)

Presentation By: Cultural Arts Coordinator, Jamie Antonetti
 - b. [Overview of grantees](#)

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7. Public Comments
8. Staff Comments
9. Board Comments
10. Next Meeting: June 3, 2026
11. Adjournment



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File #: 2026-1052

Agenda Item #: a.

Submitted By: Jamie Antonetti

Presentation By: Cultural Arts Supervisor, Emily Parkman

Department: Growth Management

STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Motion Ready):

Approve the Mount Moriah Commemorative Public Art Project

BACKGROUND:

The City of Ocala set aside \$40,000 from the new parking garage budget for the Mount Moriah Commemorative public art project. The call to artists is a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Florida-based artists to be considered for a permanent, free-standing exterior artwork commemorating the historic Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, the first black Baptist church in Ocala/Marion County, and its legacy in the local community.

Applications will be reviewed based on past work demonstrating artistic excellence, technical skill, and previous comparable project experience. Three finalists will be selected to design concepts, for a \$500 honorarium, with maximum artwork dimensions of 6' x 6' x 8'. The artwork must be vandal and weather resistant with minimal maintenance requirements. Artwork must adhere to the City's downtown form base code pertaining to public art, ORD. 2019-39 Sec. 122-968. One finalist to be awarded total project.

The art will be located near the corner of SW 3rd Ave. and SW Broadway St. outside the new Ocala parking garage.

The deadline is April 19 and it is free to apply.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

Staff are facilitating the open call and working with the community members to honor historic context. Staff recommend approval of this Mount Moriah public art project.

ALTERNATIVE:

- Approve with Changes
- Table
- Deny





File photo: A stained glass window is shown at the Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church on Southwest 3rd Avenue in Ocala, Fla. on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. The historical Black church celebrated its 155th anniversary in 2022. [Bruce Ackerman/Ocala Gazette] 2022.



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Presentation By: Cultural Arts Coordinator, Jamie Antonetti

Department: Growth Management

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Public Artist Roster open call.

BACKGROUND:

Staff presented and proposed a new open call for the Public Artist Roster on December 4, 2024. This directory of visual artists from around the country are approved by OMAC as a shortlist for public art projects, and both city and private initiatives. Staff presented a draft Artist Roster open call on June 4, 2025, and discussed a possible timeline for the call and application review. On August 6, 2025, staff provided edits to the open call along with other city comparisons to determine roster duration timeline. OMAC tabled motion and recommended additional edits for October 1, 2025.

On October 1, 2025, staff updated the Public Artist Roster open call with the following:

- Applicants are required to include two to three professional references
- Existing artists must reapply every five years
- Current artists on roster will be notified to update and renew in 2026
- Open calls seeking new artists will occur every two to three years with informal rolling application accepted and reviewed by OMAC

The Public Artist Roster open call is live with a deadline of April 27.

On February 4, 2026, staff shared that the Public Artist Roster will go live in March and have the deadline of April 27, 2026.

In May OMAC will receive jury access to evaluate qualifications. OMAC members are not to discuss applicant details outside nor prior to the next meeting. June 5 OMAC will convene to begin evaluation conversations.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

N/A



CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

Professional visual artists are invited to apply for the City of Ocala's Public Artist Roster for consideration in future public art commissions and projects.

NO APPLICATION FEE

DEADLINE: APRIL 27

Learn more:
ocalafl.gov/culturalarts/public-art

Apply today:
callforentry.org, search "City of Ocala"





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Department: Growth Management

STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Motion Ready):

Review current license plate fund and available funding for fiscal year 2026

BACKGROUND:

The City, through the Ocala Municipal Arts Commission (OMAC), disperses funding from the state of Florida through the Florida Arts License Plates pursuant to section 320.08058 (12) for Marion County. The City receives all funds in a designated account 001-334-000-000-09-33718. City Cultural Arts Staff update OMAC each meeting on the current balance of this account and available funds designated within the current fiscal year.

The current balance is \$8,917.65. The funds available to spend in the Fiscal Year 2026 are \$4,800.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

N/A



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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Overview of grantees

BACKGROUND:

Cultural Arts Staff reviewed and assessed records of the last six years of Ocala Municipal Arts Commission (OMAC) grant recipients and revenue to activate discussion of marketing.

2020

- Ocala Civic Theatre and Diane Cahal
- Total grants awarded: \$2,500
- 2019 balance with 2020 revenue: \$12,735.42

2021

- Ocala Symphony and the College of Central Florida
- Total grants awarded: \$1,000
- 2020 balance with 2021 revenue: \$15,215.14

2022

- Ocala Civic Theatre, Reilly Arts Center, and Sean T. Music
- Total grants awarded: \$3,000
- 2021 balance with 2022 revenue: \$15,317.47

2023

- Reilly Arts Center and Strategic Community Alliance
- Total grants awarded: \$2,500

- 2022 balance with 2023 revenue: \$21,197.23

2024

- Strategic Community Alliance, Marion Cultural Alliance, Art Army, Ocala Steel Orchestra, Ocala Civic Theatre, Reilly Arts, and the Strategic Community Alliance
- Total grants awarded: \$5,948.49
- 2023 balance with 2024 revenue: \$24,645.72

2025

- Strategic Community Alliance and the Public Education Foundation of Marion County
- Total grants awarded: \$4,100
- 2024 balance with 2025 revenue: \$14,057.65

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

N/A