



Ocala Municipal Arts Commission Agenda - Final

Wednesday, February 4, 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...
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. [December 3, 2025](#)
4. Grants / Applications
 - a. None
5. Project Updates
6. Other Business
 - a. [Flamingo donation acceptance and relocation](#)

Presentation By: Cultural Arts Supervisor, Emily Parkman
 - b. [East Ocala CRA Mural Completion](#)

Presentation By: Cultural Arts Supervisor, Emily Parkman
 - c. [Review current license plate fund and available funding for fiscal year 2026.](#)

Presentation By: Cultural Arts Supervisor, Emily Parkman
7. Public Comments
8. Staff Comments
 - a. [Artist Roster](#)

Presentation By: Cultural Arts Supervisor, Emily Parkman
9. Board Comments
10. Next Meeting: April 1, 2026
11. Adjournment



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File #: 2026-0677

Agenda Item #: a.

Submitted By: Cultural Arts Manager, Emily Parkman

Department: Growth Management

Ocala Municipal Arts Commission

December 3, 2025



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110 SE Watula Avenue
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File #: 2026-0663

Agenda Item #: a.

Submitted By: Emily Parkman

Presentation By: Cultural Arts Supervisor, Emily Parkman

Department: Growth Management

STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Motion Ready):

Flamingo donation acceptance and relocation

BACKGROUND:

P. Ruber's Story (Flamingo) was a participant in the 7th Biennial Ocala Outdoor Sculpture Competition. The artist Michael O'Khaen offered the sculpture as a donation, valued at \$9,500, on October 28, 2025. Included was a maintenance recommendation with specified materials. Ocala Municipal Arts Commission made the recommendation to accept on December 3, 2025. City Council heard and made final approval on January 6, 2026. An official donation acceptance letter was provided to O'Khaen on January 7, 2026. *P. Ruber's Story (Flamingo)* was relocated to its permanent location on Watula Ave in Tuscaawilla Park.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

N/A



January 7, 2026

Michael O'Khaen
9500 Palm Drive
Miami, FL 31157

Dear Michael O-Khaen,

Thank you for supporting the City of Ocala's Public Art Program. On January 6, 2026, Ocala City Council formally accepted the donation of "P. Ruber's Story (Flamingo)" into the permanent collection. "Flamingo" is an exceptional work that assists in raising awareness about wildlife preservation both locally and statewide. Permanently exhibiting this sculpture at Tusawilla Park will provide a unique opportunity for community residents and guests to experience creativity and reflection. This sculpture valued at \$9,500 will help Ocala Cultural Arts in achieving our mission to provide an outlet for lifelong learning, enliven public spaces, and instill community pride as well as the City's overall vision for the community: "Ocala is a great place to work, play, and prosper."

This sculpture donation is tax-deductible. For your tax records, the City of Ocala's Federal Tax ID number is 59-6000392.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Parkman".

Emily Parkman
City of Ocala Cultural Arts Supervisor

Flamingo Donation:

P. Ruber's Story (Flamingo) has been relocated to its permanent location on Watula Ave in Tuscawilla Park.











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File #: 2026-0669

Agenda Item #: b.

Submitted By: Emily Parkman

Presentation By: Cultural Arts Supervisor, Emily Parkman

Department: Growth Management

STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Motion Ready):
East Ocala CRA Mural Completion

BACKGROUND:

On January 20, 2025, artist Justin Alsedek and business owner Neighborhood Storage presented a mural proposal along the façade of the business at NSC 8th Ave through the new East Ocala Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) mural grant program. On February 5, 2025, staff presented the proposal to the Ocala Municipal Arts Commission with defined responsibilities and approved for recommendation. On July 15, 2025, the East Ocala CRA advisory committee approved the project with OMACs recommendation. This project was the first test pilot project for the East Ocala CRA. The dimensions of the mural are one hundred feet by ten feet on corrugated metal. Justin started in December 2025 and completed the project in January 2026. Staff took photographs of the mural for presentation to OMAC.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

N/A

East Ocala CRA Mural:

Justin Alsedek has completed the mural on 8th Ave.





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File #: 2026-0672

Agenda Item #: c.

Submitted By: Emily Parkman

Presentation By: Cultural Arts Supervisor, Emily Parkman

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) disburses 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 of the account is \$8,237.65 The funds available to spend in the Fiscal Year 2026 are \$4,800.00

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

N/A

Current Balance:

Total: \$8,237.65 (1/28)

Available to spend FY2026: \$4,800.00



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File #: 2026-0678

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Submitted By: Emily Parkman

Presentation By: Cultural Arts Supervisor, Emily Parkman

Department: Growth Management

STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Motion Ready):

Artist Roster

BACKGROUND:

The deadline for artists to apply for the Public Artist Roster is April 27, 2026. Ocala Municipal Arts Commission will review and score applicants by June 3, 2026. Contact of acceptance will be made no later than September 2026.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

N/A



Artist Roster live on Café February 2026

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