



CITY OF BANGOR

COMMISSION ON CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Friday, January 2, 2026 – 8:30 am

City Council Chambers, First Floor of City Hall, 73 Harlow Street

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Introduction of New Members
 - Mariya Doncheva
 - Sara Elizabeth Green-Hamann
 - Ellen Taraschi
3. Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2025
4. Report of Chair
5. Financial Report
6. Committee Reports
 - Grant Committee
 - Cultural Asset Committee
 - ARTober Committee
7. Discussion of Ongoing Projects & Commission Plans for 2026
8. Staff Updates
9. Adjourn

Next meeting: February 6



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December 5, 2025

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Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Sundance Campbell, Kelly Chenot, Nina Earley, Kal Elmore, Benjamin James, Rosemary Lausier, Barbara McDade (via Zoom), Jennifer Snow (via Zoom)

Others: Anne Krieg – Director of Development, Sarah Maquillan – Development Assistant

1. A quorum being present the December 5, 2025 meeting of the Commission on Cultural Development was called to order by Chair Earley at 8:35 AM.
2. Meeting Minutes – Motion passed to approve the minutes of the October 3rd and November 7th meetings.
3. Report of Chair – Chair Earley reported that results of the Commission's recent grant application should be received in the next few weeks.
4. Financial Report – No change from last meeting, as fall grant awards have not yet been disbursed.
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Grant – No update as Committee Chair Adams was not present.
 - b. Cultural Asset – Committee Chair McDade reported that this will be her last meeting, as her term ends at the end of the year. Provided an update on ongoing committee projects and provided recommendations for future work. Chair Earley suggested asking University of Maine students to update story boards. Commissioners discussed ideas for a cultural asset survey, required staff assistance, and website updates.
 - c. ARTober – No update from Committee Chair Campbell.
6. Discussion of Ongoing Projects & Commission Plans for 2026
 - a. Chair Earley discussed ongoing projects with the Commission, including the historical display and art installations in Pickering Square, as well as the public restroom art. Development Director Anne Krieg suggested having an opening for the public restroom art during the first Friday Art Walk in the spring – Commissioners in agreement. Discussed staff coordination.
 - b. Chair Earley recommended establishing an ad-hoc committee for the Pickering Square art installation project. Commissioner Elmore stated that she could help with advertising the call for artists. Commissioners discussed the project at length with Development Director Krieg.
 - c. Commissioner Campbell asked about the use of TIF funds – Development Director Krieg responded and discussed at length. Chair Earley asked about potentially using some of these funds for a cultural asset survey – Krieg responded that she will look into this. Commissioners also discussed the use of TIF funds for a multi-use arts center.
 - d. Commissioner Chenot mentioned a desire to restart the Folk Festival – Commissioners discussed.
 - e. Commissioners decided to continue this discussion at their January meeting.
7. Staff Updates



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- a. Development Director Anne Krieg updated the Commission on comments from City Council regarding the disbursement of grant funds, including some concerns raised over awarding grant funds for capital projects and for events that involve serving alcohol. Commissioners discussed at length. Krieg stated that she will bring the Commission's responses back to Councilors at the next Business & Economic Development Committee meeting.

8. Adjourned at 9:25 AM.

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ACCOUNTING PERIODS: 1/26 THRU 6/26

(INACTIVE ACCOUNTS INCLUDED)

SELECTION CRITERIA: ALL
TOTALLED ON: FUND,ACCOUNT,PERIOD

FUND - 100 - GENERAL FUND

ACCOUNT	DATE	T/C	REFERENCE	VENDOR/PAYER	DEBIT	CREDIT	DESCRIPTION	NET
35721050						.00	BEGINNING BALANCE	
	06/30/25	19-1	NEW YEAR		335.40		BEGINNING BALANCE	
	11/24/25	19-1	CLOSE YR			416.40	TRANSFER 13TH PERIOD BAL	
	07/29/25	19-1	T07133			20,000.00	XFER 2026 CULT COMM FUNDS	
			TOTAL PERIOD 1		335.40	20,416.40		20,081.00
TOTAL			CULTURAL COMMISSION			20,081.00		
TOTAL			GENERAL FUND		.00	20,081.00		
TOTAL REPORT					.00	20,081.00		

- \$10,500.00 for fall grants =
\$9,581.00 remaining

* THERE IS A NOTE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS TRANSACTION

SUNGARD PUBLIC SECTOR
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 TIME: 16:46:41

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 EXPENDITURE AUDIT TRAIL

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FUND - 250 - GRANTS
 FUND/DIVISION - 8729 - ARTOBER-A MONTH OF ARTS

ACCOUNT DATE	T/C	ENCUMBRANC	REFERENCE	VENDOR	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	ENCUMBRANCES	DESCRIPTION	CUMULATIVE BALANCE
250-9500-18002-8729-8729 - ARTOBER-A MONTH OF ARTS									
72009900					.00	.00	.00	BEGINNING BALANCE	
06/30/25	11-1				.00			POSTED FROM BUDGET SYSTEM	
07/29/25	19-1		T07134			-2,500.00		XFER 2026 ARTOBER FUNDS	
10/31/25	21-4		502171	11788 CHENOT, KELLY		51.70		REIMBURSEMENT-ARTOBER	
10/31/25	21-4		502132	14250 BANGOR BEAUTIFUL		1,000.00		BANGOR ARTS AWARD	
TOTAL		MISCELLANEOUS			.00	-1,448.30	.00		1,448.30
73040000					.00	.00	.00	BEGINNING BALANCE	
06/30/25	11-1				.00			POSTED FROM BUDGET SYSTEM	
TOTAL		OTHER SERVICES			.00	.00	.00		.00
73040200					.00	.00	.00	BEGINNING BALANCE	
06/30/25	11-1				.00			POSTED FROM BUDGET SYSTEM	
TOTAL		ADVERTISING			.00	.00	.00		.00
73040225					.00	.00	.00	BEGINNING BALANCE	
06/30/25	11-1				.00			POSTED FROM BUDGET SYSTEM	
TOTAL		MARKETING			.00	.00	.00		.00
73040350					.00	.00	.00	BEGINNING BALANCE	
06/30/25	11-1				.00			POSTED FROM BUDGET SYSTEM	
TOTAL		ENTERTAINMENT			.00	.00	.00		.00
TOTAL FUND/DIVISION - ARTOBER-A MONTH OF AR					.00	-1,448.30	.00		1,448.30
TOTAL REPORT					.00	-1,448.30	.00		1,448.30

****still awaiting additional invoices**

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