

**MINUTES**  
**ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY BOARD**  
**February 10, 2026**

The meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Colombo at **6:31 P.M. Tuesday, February 10, 2026**, at The Frank Art Gallery.

**Present:** Chair Colombo and Members Koren, Jordan, Rodriguez, Pierce, Murias, and Pakiet-Mercado.

**Absence:** Member Minnis.

**Also Present:** City Staff Liaison Holly Bonkowski, Assistant City Attorney Susannah Nesmith, and Board Secretary Marlene Graham.

---

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chair Colombo called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

The Board Secretary declared a quorum.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

The board approved the January 13, 2025 Arts and Culture Advisory Board meeting minutes.

- **Motion** was made by **Member Jordan**, seconded by **Member Koren**, to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025, Arts and Culture Advisory Board Meeting. **Motion was approved unanimously.**

**EXCUSED ABSENCE:** The board will review excused absences at the next meeting.

**REPORT OF LIAISON:** Liaison Bonkowski gave an overview of programming for the next six months as shown in the A.C.E. brochure on Art, Culture and Entertainment for January through June 2026. She approved the enhanced graphic design of the brochure. **Programs included:** Studio Saturdays with Vared Pasternack 2/14, The Frank Contemporaries 2/18, Jose Pita Pottery Cereal Bowls, Golden Water Retrospective Gold Coast Watercolors 2/20-5/2026, Clay Day 2/21 and 28, Beats and Bites 2/26.

Chair Colombo asked about updates: Naming of the Panther – *Hope*. A presentation to the artist Disem was made at the February 4, 2026 commission meeting for his artistic Contribution to the city of Pembroke Pines Panthers on the Prowl Initiative.

Updates to the Art Festival. Liaison Bonkowski said she spoke with the promoter about strategies for helping artists/vendors improve sales; more sponsorships; the logistics of starting the event later, making the event a more adult driven event since adults were attendees more likely to spend money.

Member Rodriguez asked if marketing dollars could be used for billboards. She spoke of a sample of a local event in Miami advertised on billboards on the Palmetto.

Chair Colombo said the event would already have kind-friendly activities included. More adult-driven activities such as wine tasting, wine pairing with culinary demonstrations could boost spending at the event although wine tasting would be at no cost to visitors.

Member Pierce asked about Pembroke Pines City Hall and how to boost the public's awareness of its location and its parking amenities.

Member Mercado spoke about having a spotlight over the location to draw people to the event, the way, for example, the Hard Rock Guitar building in Hollywood points spotlights into the sky during a special event.

Member Murias said using Eventbrite platform allows people to order tickets, even free tickets and provides data on headcount engagement of people wishing to attend.

Liaison Bonkowski spoke about a culinary demonstration provided by Whole Foods some years ago at the Art Festival which was a success. She said a pared down sampling of wine and culinary demonstrations at the Art Festival would not encroach on the significantly larger Taste of the Pines event with its own wine and food tastings from approximately sixty-six vendors.

Members Murias and Pierce spoke about cake decorating contests, or the "It's a Cake" challenge, viral on social media where people guess the difference between a real object and a cake that resembles the object.

Liaison Bonkowski thanked members for their suggestions and said staff will review the logistics and feasibility of some of the ideas. An important consideration was the start time of the event, and whether attendance would improve if the event started later when the temperatures were not as intense as the time leading up to midday. Chair Colombo and Liaison Bonkowski agreed the logistics of changing the start time needed to be discussed in greater depth. The board discussed the costs paid by participating artists and whether sponsorships and subsidizing artists' costs. Ms. Bonkowski said she would look into it.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Re-wrapping Traffic Boxes: Board members discussed ideas for enhancing traffic box designs. Chair Colombo said the recreation theme needed the right images or look at other themes that could provide more impactful images.

Member Mercado distributed a sample of three illustrations depicting wildlife native to Florida, i.e. a panther, alligator and a pink Roseate spoonbill bird.

Member Murias suggested hometown heroes focusing on public safety personnel or military service people from Pembroke Pines. Ms. Bonkowski said the city had used that theme before.

The board discussed the use of artwork and logos from local businesses. Ms. Bonkowski said road authorities prohibited the use of commercial logos on traffic boxes. Assistant City Attorney Nesmith said business images and logos could run afoul of the City's sign code.

Member Jordan spoke about the history of the city. Members discussed the possible use of pictures of the first Pembroke Pines City Hall and other historical landmarks such as the Hollywood Sportatorium. Chair Colombo liked the idea of the city's history as a theme on the traffic boxes but wondered about the use of black and white photos and whether they would stand out. Member Murias asked about merging the two uses by mixing the black and white on color. Ms. Bonkowski said she would review the ideas.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Member Pierce asked if the tables at the board meeting can be reconfigured so members can better hear each other at the next Arts and Culture Advisory Board meeting.

**REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- **Motion** was made by **Member Jordan**, seconded by **Member Koren**, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.

The next meeting of the Art and Culture Board will be on **Tuesday, March 10, 2026.**

Respectfully submitted:

---

Marlene Graham, Board Secretary  
City of Pembroke Pines, FL

**APPROVED:** 3/10/2026