

January 7, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

City of New Baltimore Arts & Culture Commission

Called to order at 6:32pm

Present Members: Jon Petrous, Jim Hodson, Vince Nestico, Suzanne Vitale, Sheryl Stankus, Justin Rose

City Council Liaisons: Ron Trombley, Jacob Dietrich, Dave Duffy

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 5th, 2025 NBACC regular meeting.
Hodson/Vitale – motion carried

Motion to amend the current agenda to include 2026 commission meeting dates and election of officers– Vitale/Nestico. Motion turned down. Postponing commission meeting dates and officer elections until the February meeting so new commissioners can be included.

Motion to approve current agenda as is – Hodson/Vitale. Motion carried

Public Discussion – none

Treasurer Report- no activity

Old Business:

1. Winter on the Bay Photo Contest –
Requesting Council approval for prize monies and promotional materials not to exceed \$1000.
 - a. Prizes for two categories
 - i. Adult (ages 20 and older) 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$50
 - ii. Youth (ages 19 and under) 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$50
 - b. Call to Artists to go out by Tuesday, January 13th pending Council approval
 - i. Fliers will be available at city buildings and via social media
 - ii. No cost to enter. Artists can submit multiple entries.
 - iii. All photos to be submitted to the provided email by February 10th, 2026 in order to be considered.
 - c. Voting will take place by the public by using a QR code to vote for their favorite photos. The QR code will be linked to a Google Forms page where they can cast their vote. Photos will be displayed using a 15 sec loop played on a big screen TV in the Winterfest tent starting Friday. Winners will be announced on Saturday at 6:30pm in the Winterfest Tent.
2. BayRama Building Mural – no longer moving forward
3. Chalk-It Up at the New Baltimore Farmers Market – June 14th
4. DIA Mural on Police Garage – find out the status of the grant application
5. National Friendship Day August 1st – Rock Painting
6. Winter Art Market –
 - a. Look into partnering with the NBBA for Deer Widows Night.
 - b. Possible vendor setup across Front Street across from the businesses. Vendors would provide their own 10x10 tent.
 - c. Friday and Saturday nights from Nov 13/14, Nov 20/21, and Nov 27/28

7. Grants and fundraising – all commissioners are asked to research available grants and fundraising ideas for the upcoming year to be presented at the next meeting.

Next regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting to be held February 4th, 2026 at 6:30pm.

Motion to Adjourn – Vitale/Hodson

Meeting adjourned 7:28pm