

York Creative District Advisory Board Minutes
January 27, 2026

Present: Clark Roush (Director, York University), Sue Crawford (City of York); Annie Redfern (independent artist); Alex Saathoff (York Visitor's Bureau), Lisa Hurley (YCDC); Elise Owens (Yorkshire Theater); Kirby Crawford (business artist); Deb Robertson (at large); Also: Event Committee Members Cheree Folts and Jennifer Sheppard.

Absent: Trent Bruntz (York Public Schools); York Chamber of Commerce Director – not yet in place.

The Open Meetings Act announcement was made. The meeting was published in the York News Times on January 20, 2026.

The October and December minutes were approved. All present voting Y.

Update on **Mural**: Director Roush has been visiting with banks and community resources to raise \$10,000. Discussion of York Community Foundation as a possible resource and York Visitor's Bureau as a possible resource. Director Roush will follow up with York Community Foundation and other possible donors. A Facebook post will show the design and solicit donations. Annie Redfern will make sure that the artist is okay with her image being posted.

Other grant ideas discussed: Farmer's Coop; ANAC.

Discussion of **adult prom**: Goal is to raise \$1,500 for the Creative District after paying for the costs of putting on the prom. Congratulations to the committee for a \$2,000 grant from York Visitor's Bureau for a promotion grant for the event. Pursuing assistance with set up and tear down from YHS ACES program. Thanks for donations from Walmart and Dollar Fresh. Bob Dehart was selected to take photos after a review of the proposals submitted. York Chamber of Commerce is assisting with tickets. There will be a brown bag raffle to raise additional funds. Multiple items already donated.

Update on **BLIXT production**: Not too Far Distant - will be performed March 3 in the Bartholomew Center at York University. Dr. Roush has taken care of the theater reservation and will make sure that students are on hand to help host the event. After a discussion of whether to issue tickets, it was decided to not issue tickets and instead encourage free-will donations at the door.

Yorkshire Theater Update: Elise Owens gave an update on the installation of the light equipment purchased with the Creative Arts District grant. The lights were in place for the Christmas performances and were well received. The sound equipment is being installed.

I-80 Sculpture Project: Alex, with York Visitor's Bureau has been working on the 50th celebration of the Interstate sculptures – that coincides with the 250th celebration of the Declaration of Independence this year. Alex announced that York received a Nebraska Arts Council donation for the project that will provide a canvas for display in the Creative District related to the celebration. There was some discussion

of appropriate places for the display of the canvas and for a video display about the celebration. One option in the Creative District would be the Kent Bedient display area in Kilgore Memorial Library.

Adjourned at 5:25.

Next meeting – set for 03/24/26 at 4:00 PM

**CD Advisory Board,
Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2026 at 4:30 PM**

Agenda items

Open Meetings Act Announcement

This meeting was published in the York News Times on _____

Approval of October 2025 minutes

Approval of December 2025 minutes

Update on the BLIXT production

Adult Prom Update

Mural Update

Yorkshire Theater Update

Auditorium Update

!-80 Sculpture Project

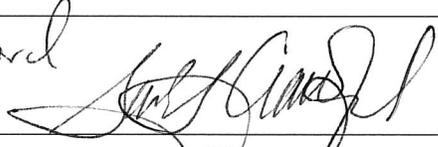
Cultural Festival

Grant Ideas

NEXT MEETING:

CD Advisory Board,
Tuesday, January 27, 2026 4:30 pm.

Attendee Sign In

Name	Signature
Clark Roush	
	
 Sue Crawford	
Deb Robertson	Deb Robertson
Jennifer Sheppard	Jennifer Sheppard
Cherelle Folts	Cherelle Folts
Alex Saathoff	Alex Saathoff
Lise Hurlay	Lise Hurlay
Kirby Crawford	Kirby Crawford
Elise Owens	