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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Executive Session & Creative Portland

March 9, 2026 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers

REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

The City Council will conduct this meeting from Council Chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall. The public may attend the meeting in person, however space in Council Chambers is limited. If you are not able to attend live, a recording will be available in the [Agenda Center](https://portlandme.portal.civicclerk.com/event/9535/media) following the meeting.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- I. Pursuant to 1 MRS 405(6)(A), the City Council is expected to hold an executive session to Conduct Interviews with Candidates for City Clerk.**

- II. Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. 405(6)(E), the City Council is expected to enter executive session to consult with its attorneys regarding a potential settlement agreement with Geoffrey Rice, 684 Adams House, LLC, Grant Sherman, LLC, 197 Pleasant, LLC, Highstate Apartments, Inc., Trelawny 657, LLC, 59 State Street, LLC, the Estate of Rebecca Rice, the Adam Kiddie Trust, and the Harold Elliott Sternburg Trust regarding various notices of violation of the City's Rent Control Ordinance concerning properties owned by Mr. Rice and those entities.**

AGENDA ITEMS:

- III. Creative Portland Presentation**

ADJOURNMENT:

Creative Portland

WORKSHOP AGENDA

Strengthening Portland's Creative Economy Through Arts, Culture, and Community Partnerships

March 9, 2026

Purpose of Workshop

To provide City Council with an overview of Creative Portland's role in strengthening Portland's creative economy, its programs and partnerships, and the impact of the City's investment in sustaining a vibrant arts and cultural ecosystem.

Workshop Overview

- Background and incorporation of Creative Portland (2008)
- Governance structure and partnership with the City of Portland
- Economic impact of the arts and creative economy
- Overview of Creative Portland programs and initiatives
- Cultural tourism and downtown activation
- Opportunities for continued partnership and support

Presenters

- Kate Anker — Immediate Past President, Creative Portland Board; Owner, Running With Scissors Art Studios
- Clare E. Hannan — Vice President, Creative Portland Board
- Greg Watson — Director, Housing & Economic Development Department (HEDD)
- Dinah Minot — Executive Director, Creative Portland
- Tae Chong — Board Member; Former Portland City Councilor
- Sam Hamilton — Board Member; Attorney, Verrill Dana

Presentation Timing Overview

Speaker	Topic	Time
Kate Anker	Mission & Structure	2 min
Clare E. Hannan	Budget & Efficiency	2 min
Greg Watson	Economic Impact	2 min
Dinah Minot	Programs & Implementation	4 min
Tae Chong	Cultural Tourism	2 min
Sam Hamilton	Your Nonprofit Arts Agency	2 min

Creative Portland — Supporting the artists, cultural organizations, and creative businesses that make Portland vibrant.

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