



CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2024

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 2 PARK PLAZA | 6:00 PM

OFFICIAL MINUTES

The public is advised that the following minutes are not a verbatim transcription of business presented at the Council Meeting of the date shown; but are a synopsis of pertinent information. The public is further advised that the video recording for said meeting is a matter of public record and is available to be viewed at the City Clerk's office during normal business hours or viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/user/alpharettagov>.

I. CALL TO ORDER

❖ Vice Chairwoman Cookson called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

• Cultural Arts Commission Members - Present

- Melody Cookson (Chair)
- Sabine Genet
- Shital Foster
- Sumita Patel

• Staff

- Morgan Rodgers, Director – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Kim Manning, Cultural Services Division Manager – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Nancy Murphy, Cultural Services Coordinator – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Sarah Bausano, Administrative Office Coordinator – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes from September 24, 2024

❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to approve the minutes.

- Commissioner Patel offered a motion to approve the minutes, as written, from the September 24, 2024, Cultural Arts Commission Meeting.
- Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.

❖ The motion was approved unanimously 4-0.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. RIFF Exhibit / "Positivity" Sculpture

- Kim Manning presented on behalf of the City of Alpharetta, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services and Nancy Murphy presented on behalf of Arts Alpharetta.
- Kim and Nancy gave a background of the sculpture and also stated that the location needed to be changed in regard to the Agenda Packet. The Agenda Packet stated that the

sculpture would be going to Wills Park. The updated location is Brooke Street Park on one of the empty concrete pad sites.

- Chairwoman Cookson asked to move forward with a vote. Commissioner Patel asked for a motion and Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. Chairwoman Cookson stated that the motion is now on the floor for discussion.

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSON Q & A:

RE: RIFF Exhibit / "Positivity" Sculpture

Q Please verify the location? (Foster)

A Brooke Street Park, where Liquid Sunshine used to be. (Manning)

Q Is there another sculpture that can go in the Wills Park location? (Genet)

A Not at this time, but we will keep it in mind for the future. (Manning)

Q Is the sculpture thin? (Patel)

A It is made of tin but not tin roof thin tin, it is a bit thicker than that. (Murphy)

- ❖ Commissioner Patel called for a motion to approve the "Positivity" Sculpture to be added to the RIFF Exhibit and located at Brooke Street Park.
- ❖ Commissioner Foster seconded the motion to approve, as presented, the "Positivity" Sculpture to be added to the RIFF Exhibit and located at Brooke Street Park.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously 4-0.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Public Art Application – Midwick HOA / Alpha Loop Sculpture "Swallowtail"

- Diane Grecco, a member of the Midwick Community and Kim Manning presented the item.
- Ms. Grecco stated that the builder put in a pad site without artwork. The area really needed a piece of artwork. The "Swallowtail" piece is perfect because there are a lot of butterfly bushes located right next to it and it fits in great.
- Andy Christiansen with the Alpha Loop Foundation came forward to speak. Mr. Christiansen stated that it took him approximately two days to fundraise for the piece of artwork and lots of great help from Kathi Cook.
- Arts Alpharetta helped curate the piece of artwork. The piece is approximately 8 feet tall.
- Chairwoman Cookson asked to move forward with a vote. Commissioner Patel asked for a motion and Commissioner Genet seconded the motion. Chairwoman Cookson stated that the motion is now on the floor for discussion.

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSON Q & A:

RE: Public Art Application – Midwick HOA / Alpha Loop Sculpture "Swallowtail"

Q Will the Midwick HOA maintain the piece? (Cookson)

A Yes, we will do all the cleaning and maintenance, the HOA will take ownership of the artwork. (Grecco)

C The landscaping looks amazing. (Foster)

C Thank you to all for all the organization of this. (Genet)

C I would be happy to help with teaching the kids the process. (Genet)

- ❖ Commissioner Patel called for a motion to approve the "Swallowtail" Sculpture to be added to the Midwick HOA.
- ❖ Commissioner Genet seconded the motion to approve, as presented, the "Swallowtail" Sculpture to be added to the Midwick HOA.

❖ The motion was approved unanimously 4-0.

VI. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

a. Cultural Services Division Monthly Report – October 2024

- Kim Manning, Cultural Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- RIFF Exhibit
- Alpharetta Arts Center - Family Day
- Manhole Murals / Alpharetta Greenway - Rotary of North Fulton
- ARTober - National Arts & Humanities Month - Mayor Proclamation

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- Crosswalks in City Parks - Webb Bridge Park / Artist Selected
- Black History Month - Community Gallery Exhibit of Local Families, Churches, Businesses, and More

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- Arts & Culture Online Calendar <https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/recreation-parks/cultural-services>
- Alpharetta Music City - Live Music Calendar <https://www.awesomealpharetta.com/calendar/category/alpharetta-music-city-live-music/>
- Branches Intertwined presented by Alpharetta Community Chorus will be held on Sunday, October 6th at 3:00 p.m. at Alpharetta Presbyterian Church. For more information: <https://alpharettacommunitychorus.com/>
- Talking Quilts presented by Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild will be at the Adult Activity Center on Monday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 for nonmembers and free for members.
- Romeo & Juliet, presented by ACT1 Community Theater, will be held at Brooke Street Park Bandstand on Friday and Saturday, October 18 through the 26th at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 12:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. The cost is free.
- Wanderlust presented by Alpharetta Symphony will be held at Alpharetta Methodist Church on November 1st at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased <https://www.alpharettasymphony.org/wanderlust>
- Book Signings with Artists in The Art of the Picture Book will be at the Gallery at the Alpharetta Arts Center on November 2nd from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Art of the Picture Book: Illustrators are Your Neighbors Gallery Reception will be at the Alpharetta Arts Center on November 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION Q & A:

C Thank you for all you are doing. (Cookson)

C It has been a lot of fun. (Murphy)

Q The art supplies that were given away at Family Day, how can we donate more? (Genet)

A www.artsalpharetta.org (Murphy)

C I am excited about how far we have come. So proud of Kim, Nancy, and the rest of the group. The dedication is amazing. It is great to see a City, an HOA and the Alpha Loop Foundation work together to get art. I like how we are infusing art into everything we do. Thank you, Commission, it is a fun ride we are on. (Rodgers)

VII. CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- As a resident, I would like to Thank you, Morgan. (Cookson)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Commissioner Patel made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously 4-0.
- ❖ With there being no further business to consider or discuss, Chairwoman Cookson adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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