



CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

OFFICIAL MINUTES

JANUARY 28, 2025

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL

COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 2 PARK PLAZA | 6:00 PM

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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

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

- Cultural Arts Commission Members - Present
 - Melody Cookson (Chair)
 - Michael Barsky (Vice Chair)
 - Shital Foster
 - Dianna Smeal
 - Sumita Patel
 - Luis Gonzalez
 - Francesca Connolly (Alternate)
- Staff
 - Morgan Rodgers, Director – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Kim Manning, Cultural Services Division Manager – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Sarah Bausano, Administrative Office Coordinator – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Daniel Dominique, Cultural Services Supervisor – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Lara Haddadin, Cultural Services Staff – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. ELECTION OF 2025 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

A. Election of 2025 Chair and Vice Chair

- Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to elect the Chair for the Cultural Arts Commission.
 - Commissioner Smeal offered a motion to re-elect Chairwoman Cookson as the Chair for the Cultural Arts Commission.
 - Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.

- The motion was approved (7-0).
- Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to elect the Vice Chair for the Cultural Arts Commission.
 - Commissioner Smeal offered a motion to re-elect Vice Chairman Barsky as the Vice Chair for the Cultural Arts Commission.
 - Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved (7-0).

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes from October 22, 2024

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to approve the minutes.
 - Commissioner Foster offered a motion to approve the minutes, as written, from the October 22, 2024, Cultural Arts Commission Meeting.
 - Commissioner Barsky seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

b. Cultural Arts Commission Work Session Minutes from December 3, 2024

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to approve the minutes.
 - Commissioner Patel offered a motion to approve the minutes, as written, from the December 3, 2024, Cultural Arts Commission special called work session.
 - Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

Director Rodgers came forward to introduce Luis Gonzalez as the newest Cultural Arts Commissioner.

VI. PRESENTATION

- Stacy Carter with the Alpharetta City Band came forward to present.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Park Walke/Thompson Street Flats HOA

- Jackson Stephens came forward to present the item. Jackson was at the June meeting to present a sculpture to the Cultural Arts Commission. The sculpture in June was denied by the Commission. Jackson gave a recap of the old sculpture and the placement. The new sculpture is called Found Object Tree of Life and it is a less generic sculpture. It was expressed by the Commission the piece for that location needed to be much larger. The new sculpture is a custom piece and will be very large. This is a one of kind piece made of mixed metals. The Thompson Street Flats HOA requested more brasses and golds to give the piece a shine. There will be a poly coat that will prevent rusting of the piece.

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION Q & A:

RE: Found Object Tree of Life

C I like the metallic choice, stands out against the brick. (Smeal)

C I like the materials. (Cookson)

Q Is that showing different types of metal melded together? (Foster)

A Yes, the one being installed will be more of a mosaic pattern. (Stephens)

- ❖ Commissioner Smeal offered a motion to approve Found Object Tree of Life Sculpture at Park Walke/Thompson Street Flats, as presented.
 - Commissioner Barsky seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Cooper's Hawk Mural

- Lisa with Cooper's Hawk and Nick the muralist presented the item. The mural will be on the side of the new free standing Cooper's Hawk building at the corner of Mall Entrance Drive and North Point Parkway.

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSON Q & A:

RE: Cooper's Hawk Mural

Q Where is this located? (Barsky)

A In front of Studio Movie Grill on the side of a brand-new building. (Lisa)

Q Are there any other examples of this type of mural? (Gonzalez)

A Yes, here are some of the ones in the packet. (Lisa)

Q Who is responsible for the maintenance? (Cookson)

A We will be responsible. (Lisa)

Q Is someone smoking in the mural? (Patel)

A No, she has her hand in her hair. (Lisa)

Q Is there another mural at that corner? (Smeal)

A Yes, there is but you cannot see them together. (Zane)

- ❖ Commissioner Patel offered a motion to approve the Cooper's Hawk Mural.
 - Commissioner Smeal seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

IX. STAFF PRESENTATONS & WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

a. Cultural Services Division Monthly Report – January 2025

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

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSON Q & A:

RE: Staff Presentation

Q How big is the stage? (Gonzalez)

A We do not have an actual stage, but the seating is about 80 people. The stage would be too small for dancing. (Zane)

X. CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- There were no items from commissioners.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no public comment.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- ❖ Commissioner Patel made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Commissioner Barsky seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).
- ❖ With there being no further business to consider or discuss, Chairwoman Cookson adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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