



# CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

JUNE 24, 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 6:01 p.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

##### • Cultural Arts Commission Members - Present

- Melody Cookson (Chair)
- Michael Barsky (Vice Chair)
- Shital Foster
- Dianna Smeal
- Luis Gonzalez
- Sabine Genet

##### • 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
- Meghan Vilela, Cultural Services Supervisor – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- David Palmieri, Cultural Services Staff – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

#### III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

##### a. Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes from April 22, 2025

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to approve the minutes.
  - Commissioner Smeal offered a motion to approve the minutes, as written, from the April 22, 2025, Cultural Arts Commission Meeting.
  - Vice Chair Barsky seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

## V. NEW BUSINESS

### a. Public Art Application – Alpha Loop Bridge Mural – Thompson Street Location 1

- Kim Zane gave a background of the project. City of Alpharetta will purchase the supplies and the mural will be added to the City of Alpharetta’s Public Art Maintenance Plan.
- Karen Richards, the Vice President of the Alpha Loop Foundation, came forward. She stated that the Foundation has hosted about 30 walks along the loop and the feedback for the art along the loop has been very positive. Then she presented the mural called “Ripple”. She stated that the Foundation has raised \$7,000 for the murals.
- The Artist, Alice, came forward and gave her biography.

#### CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSON Q & A:

Q Who will do the maintenance? (Barsky)

A The City of Alpharetta will maintain it. (Zane)

C I think it is stunning. (Foster)

Q How will it preserve? (Gonzalez)

A Anti-graffiti coating will be applied. (Alice)

Q Is it slippery and safe? (Gonzalez)

A Not slippery. (Alice)

Q Karen, you sent out information to the HOA’s, what feedback was given? (Smeal)

A Yes, we did and no feedback was given. (Richards)

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to approve the Public Art Application, Alpha Loop Bridge Mural, Thompson Street Location 1.
  - Commissioner Foster offered a motion to approve the Public Art Application, Alpha Loop Bridge Mural, Thompson Street Location 1.
  - Commissioner Gonzalez seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

### b. Public Art Application – Alpha Loop Bridge Mural – Thompson Street Location 2

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to approve the Public Art Application, Alpha Loop Bridge Mural, Thompson Street Location 2.
  - Commissioner Foster offered a motion to approve the Public Art Application, Alpha Loop Bridge Mural, Thompson Street Location 2.
  - Vice Chair Barsky seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

No Comments

## VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### a. Activate Games at the Terraces at Windward Parkway

- Greg Catoe presented a mural by Margo Perkins. Activate Games had to get a different type of permit and the requirement was to put up a mural. The artist has a few murals throughout the area. This mural will be approximately 20’ by 20’.
- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to approve the Public Art Application, Activate Games at the Terraces at Windward Parkway.
  - Commissioner Foster offered a motion to approve the Public Art Application, Activate Games at the Terraces at Windward Parkway.

- Vice Chair Barsky seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously with modifications, the dumpster gate doors to be painted the same color as the brick (6-0).

**CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSON Q & A:**

- Q The background is brick and uneven, what is the plan with that? How is the art being applied (Genet)
- A Paint and it will reflect the brick. (Greg)
- Q Looking at the original, will it wrap around? (Smeal)
- A Yes, it will. (Greg)
- Q Maintenance? Covered in a varnish? (Genet)
- A It will be sealed. (Greg)
- C The change is a good thing. (Foster)
- C The flowers that play with the awnings is an improvement. (Gonzalez)

**b. City of Alpharetta Arts & Culture Master Plan**

- Kim Zane came forward to present this item. Kim gave an update on the edits of the Master Plan and explained that she would like to get the Master Plan on the City Council Work Session and Meeting Agendas as soon as possible.

**CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION Q & A:**

- Q Curious about the timeline? (Genet)
- A The plan is to have it on the July 14<sup>th</sup> Work Session and the July 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting. (Zane)
- Q Do you anticipate any work and what do we do? (Genet)
- A Keep you posted and come to the meeting. (Zane)

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to approve the City of Alpharetta Arts & Culture Master Plan.
  - Commissioner Smeal offered a motion to approve the City of Alpharetta Arts & Culture Master Plan.
  - Commissioner Genet seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

**VII. STAFF PRESENTATIONS & WORK SESSION DISCUSSION**

**a. Cultural Services Division Monthly Report – June 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 In ceramics, is mostly children or adults? (Smeal)
- A Adults (Zane)
- C Fabulous Juneteenth Celebration! (Foster)
- C I was blown away by the Bailey-Johnson Documentary. (Cookson)
- Q Spotlight Stage Feedback? (Genet)

A A lot of feedback, everyone is surprised when they walk in. (Zane)

A Positive Feedback (Dominique)

#### VIII. CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Chairwoman Cookson mentioned that she is helping with a Walk on the Loop set for October 5th.

#### IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

#### X. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- ❖ Commissioner Smeal made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
  - Vice Chair Barsky seconded the motion.
  - The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).
- ❖ With there being no further business to consider or discuss, Chairwoman Cookson adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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