



CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
WORK SESSION
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2025
ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
CONFERENCE ROOM 121 | 2 PARK PLAZA | 5:30 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

- Cultural Arts Commission Members - Present
 - Melody Cookson (Chair)
 - Michael Barsky (Vice Chair)
 - Shital Foster
 - Sabine Genet
 - Luis Gonzalez
- 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

III. WORK SESSION ITEMS

a. Arts Alpharetta Lamp Post Project

- Nancy Murphy, with Arts Alpharetta introduced the item.
- Nancy stated that this is a project to bring Art to the East side of 400. The project would start at Kimball Bridge Road.

Arts Alpharetta Q and A

Q Great idea!! Will it be a rotation? (Foster)

A It will be on an annual rotation, leave them up for a year. We are responsible for replacing any damaged ones. (Murphy)

Q Where on Kimball Bridge Road? (Barsky)

- A Kimball Bridge Road and North Point Parkway on the black lamp posts. Stopping at Waters Road. (Murphy)
- C They are tight along there right now. (Barsky)
- C We will be doing every other lamp post. (Murphy)
- Q Are you going to carry into the parks? (Barsky)
- A Focusing on the road only for now. (Murphy)
- C The City's role is to get permission to use the lamp posts. There will be no cost to the City, we will just need to make Public Works aware. Down in Midtown they have over 300 of these down Peachtree. (Zane)
- C The problem I have is I think it will look out of place because it is primarily residential. (Barsky)
- C North Point does not have the right lamp posts and Haynes Bridge has less lamp posts. (Murphy)
- C The recommendation would be to look at other locations. (Zane)
- C I do not understand how it is being funded. (Gonzalez)

b. Alpharetta Arts & Culture Master Plan

- Kim presented the Alpharetta Arts & Culture Master Plan Action Plan.
- Kim wanted to start the dialogue with the Commission to discuss the Action Plan items within the Arts & Culture Master Plan. There are some immediate actions that need to be addressed. Kim stated that she is not getting a lot of help from the Art Leader Groups and would like to have some help from the Commissioners to engage them. I know we have A2O as a fundraising group. Kim also stated that the creation of a plan to catalog, maintain, curate, and promote public arts and cultural resources is almost complete. As for establishing a clear process for private development to contribute to arts and culture by involving Community Development and developers. We are also trying make things clearer for the Community as well as the potential for a membership program.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ With there being no further business to consider or discuss, Chairwoman Cookson adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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