



CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING APRIL 28, 2021

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

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Please note that, due to ongoing efforts to encourage "social distancing" in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was conducted virtually using Zoom Meetings. Meeting ID: 964 0583 0777

Chair Smeal called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

A. Virtual Meeting Procedure

Chair Smeal read the pertinent information to the Commissioners.

II. ROLL CALL

☐ Commission Members

- ☐ Dianna Smeal (Chair)
- ☐ Matthew Khodayari
- ☐ Kendrick McLaughlin
- ☐ Sabine Genet
- ☐ Michael Barsky
- ☐ Melody Cookson (Alternate)
- ☐ Gene Andrews (Vice Chair) (Absent)
- ☐ Mary Beth Cornelius (Absent)

☐ Staff

- ☐ Kim Zane, Cultural Services Manager
- ☐ Elle Taylor, Administrative Coordinator

III. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Review of Agenda

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. March 24, 2021

- ❖ Commissioner Khodayari offered a motion to approve
 - Commissioner Genet seconded the motion
 - The motion was approved (6-0)

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Guidelines for Public Art

- i. Review Public Art Application
- ii. Review Staff Arts Alpharetta- Commission Process

- There was discussion of process of Public Art Review. It will be reviewed by Arts Alpharetta. If it is approved, it will move forward for consideration by the Cultural Arts Commission.

B. Guidelines/Requirements for Naming the Art Gallery

This item was tabled for discussion until Director Rodgers is able to attend the meeting.

C. Special Event vs. Cultural Event Components

This item was tabled for discussion until Director Rodgers is able to attend the meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request for Approval - The Maxwell Sculpture

- Chair Smeal presented photo of sculpture on pedestal to the Commission.
 - Jon Boniface discussed the permanent location as being at the future intersection of Hwy 9 and Devore Rd. While GDOT is working on Hwy 9 it will sit on pedestal on property east of Devore Rd.
 - There was clarification that the it is an original Henry Harvey art piece.
 - The sculpture is a cello.
 - It is meant to represent the importance of Arts & Music to the City of Alpharetta.
- ❖ Commissioner Khodayari offered a motion to approve
 - Commissioner McLaughlin seconded the motion
 - The motion was approved (6-0)

During the motion there was discussion on measures to prevent vandalism.

B. Commission Mission and Main Areas of Focus

There was discussion of priorities:

- Public Art Guidelines
- Community Outreach & Support
- Preservation
- Strategic Planning
- Difference between Cultural and Special Events
- Busking/ Process
- Chair Smeal will work with Commissioners to create subcommittees of 3 or less to work on these areas.
- Commissioners discussed which areas they are interested in.
- There was discussion of ARC Grant awarded to the City for a South Main Street Creative Placemaking Plan

VIII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

A. Cultural Arts Strategic Master Plan

- There was discussion on interest in creating this for the City of Alpharetta

The Commissioners also discussed:

1. Getting a list of people/local groups of Artists, performers. Kim Zane, Cultural Services Manager stated there is a list available.
2. Consideration of reaching out to create more diversity in Arts in the City of Alpharetta
3. Consideration of returning to in person meetings. Kim Zane, Cultural Services Manager stated this should be a decision from the entire Commission. At this meeting there was not unanimous agreement to return to in person meetings. The Commission will continue to access.
4. Possible return of Food Truck Alley and locations other than Downtown Alpharetta to consider.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Smeal adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

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