



CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING JULY 27, 2021

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. June 22, 2021

IV. ITEMS FROM STAFF

a. Kim Zane, Cultural Services Manager

i. Upcoming Cultural Happenings

1. Let's Face It / Portrait Exhibit – Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery –
a. Exhibit Opens August 2 & Reception August 14 from 5-7pm
2. Charles Perrmann Exhibit – Studio Gallery – August

ii. Music - Forage & Flourish & Music Match Line-Up

iii. Arts Center - Summer Camps, Art Studio on the Go-Go Art Parties for Children & Adults,
Fall Cultural Guide 2021, Arts Center Application & Defining Use of Space

iv. Public Art

1. A Sculpture – Repair plans in progress
2. The Feather – Adding sculpture to permanent collection

v. History

1. Draft MOU being reviewed by Alpharetta & Old Milton County
Historical Society Board– Mansell House, Log Cabin & Archives
2. Log Cabin Grand Opening – October / Details Coming

b. Morgan Rodgers, Director of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Aria Mural - Presentation with New Renderings

b. Busking

- VII. NEW BUSINESS**
- VIII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS**
- IX. ADJOURNMENT**
- X. WORKSHOP**



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I. CALL TO ORDER

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

III. ROLL CALL

• Commission Members

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

• Staff

- James Drinkard, Assistant City Administrator
- Morgan Rodgers, Director of ARPS
- Kim Zane, Cultural Services Manager
- Elle Taylor, Administrative Office Coordinator
- Steven Jones, City Attorney

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. May 26, 2021

- ❖ Commissioner Barsky offered a motion to approve.
 - Commissioner McLaughlin seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved (7-0)

V. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Kim Zane, Cultural Services Manager Gave Cultural Services Report

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Aria Mural 41 Milton Avenue

- **James Drinkard, Assistant City Administrator** explained procedure since the Applicant is a member of the Commission
- **Kim Zane, Cultural Services Manager**, reviewed process for mural approval
- **Morgan Rodgers, Director of ARPCS**, discussed Council's intent for input and approval of the Commission
- **There was discussion of timeline for information to be given to the Commission**
- **There was discussion of location of the Mural**
- **There was discussion of the Design Review Board process**
- **Matthew Khodayari, Applicant**, presented proposed mural for Aria
 - Discussed of Local Artist and process
 - Showed Version 1 and Version 2
 - Discussed wrap around of building and issues with cos. Current budget does not allow wrap around.
 - Discussed Size of Mural
 - Discussed need for scaffolding at higher position on wall
 - Discussion of location and visibility
 - Discussion of maintenance. There will be a maintenance agreement
 - Discussion of red color. Applicant stated it will be a deeper color
 - Surrounding businesses do not have input on the mural
 - Kim Zane, Cultural Services Manager discussed location of mural on the wall and request by Arts Alpharetta for another drawing from the ground view.
 - Director Rodgers discussed alley way connecting Corner Park to Hotel. It will be a showcase park.
 - Discussion of "#wall", point of interest in Downtown Alpharetta
 - Discussion of Hotel patio and landscaping
 - Discussion of Murals in Downtown Alpharetta
 - Showed view Rendering from The Hamilton Hotel's website
 - Discussion of only "fingers" wrapping around
- **Commissioner Khodayari** recused himself and left the room.
- **There was discussion from the Commission**
 - **Liked Energy and movement**
 - **Concern of ongoing maintenance**
 - **Discussion of process for alerting need for maintenance**
 - **Discussion of ways to approve**

❖ Commissioner Cornelius offered a motion to approve the Mural with the following

conditions

1. Applicant will provide one more rendering at ground level
2. Maintenance Agreement completely outlined
- The motion was seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin
- The motion was withdrawn

There was discussion during the motion of the height/placement of the mural and massing of the wall.

James Drinkard, Assistant City Administrator, explained we will not hold up the Applicant's Certificate of Occupancy process.

James Drinkard, Assistant City Administrator, discussed options for Motions.

- ❖ Commissioner Cornelius offered a motion to approve the Mural as is
 1. Installed at a higher height with scaffolding
 2. Maintenance Agreement completely outlined
- ❖ The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barsky
 - The motion was withdrawn

There was discussion that he does not have budget for the scaffolding.

There was discussion of visiting the site to visualize the location.

There was discussion of Artist's experience with Murals and maintenance.

- ❖ Commissioner Cornelius offered a motion to table the mural until the Commissioners can look at the actual location in person.
 - The motion was seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin
 - The motion was approved (4-2) (Barsky, Cornelius)

Commissioner Khodayari returned to the meeting.

VIII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

Vice-Chair Andrews discussed.

- the Alpharetta Symphony is currently seeking a space to rehearse and hold its season
- Discussed Ballet in Alpharetta

The Director of the Alpharetta Symphony gave an overview of history, membership, and issues with the organization.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Smeal adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

XI. WORKSHOP

- a. The Cultural Arts Commission will adjourn into a board development workshop for the purpose of receiving training and engaging in team building exercises.

Aria Mural

