



CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

OFFICIAL MINUTES

JULY 26, 2022

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL

COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 2 PARK PLAZA | 6:00 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Smeal called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

- Cultural Arts Commission Members
 - Chairman Dianna Smeal
 - Vice Chair Gene Andrews
 - Commissioner Michael Barksy - Absent
 - Commissioner Melody Cookson
 - Commissioner Sabine Genet
 - Commissioner Shital Foster
 - Commissioner Sumita Patel
- Staff
 - Morgan Rodgers, Director of Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Services
 - Kim Zane Manning, Cultural Services Manager of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Amber O'Dwyer, Administrative Office Coordinator of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes 6.28.22
 - ❖ Commissioner Cookson offered a motion to approve the minutes from the 6.28.2022 meeting.
 - Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Outdoor Sculpture Program – *MEDLEY* Exhibit

- Nancy Murphy, President of Arts Alpharetta came forward to present the item introduced by Kim Zane Manning.
- Tonight's focus is 5 sculptures budgeted for already and rotates every 2 years.
- Nancy Murphy spoke specifically regarding each sculpture and its proposed location.
 - Arch
 - Tree
 - Liquid Sunshine (planned for Brooke Street Park that was once too shaded for a sculpture limiting visibility)
 - Aullura
 - Hill Climb
- Commissioner Foster asked if these were premade and for sale.
 - Nancy Murphy stated they were.
- Commissioner Cookson asked about the integrity of color.
 - Nancy Murphy stated most are powder coated w/ color matching in maintenance specs required for artist submittal.
- Commissioner Foster asked about timeline.
 - August.
- Commissioner Foster asked about length of project and # of submissions.
 - Call out in April for 6 weeks.
 - 53 entries narrowed to 5.
- Commissioner Patel asked about if the artists being local?
 - All around, not just local.
- ❖ Commissioner Foster offered a motion to accept the two art sculpture designs submitted.
 - Vice Chair Andrews seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).
- Kim Manning mentioned it will now be added to the consent agenda for City Council.
- A Sculpture will also be on the consent agenda for next week's Council Meeting.
- Workshop agenda item – performance pocket permits will be on Council Meeting.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. REPORTS

A. Cultural Services Report – July 2022

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

- Art Leader Groups will meet at 5pm at Arts Center next week. Invited Commissioners to come.
- Reminded of upcoming Cultural Happenings.
- Reminded that Juneteenth Exhibit will end this week and the next show will be "Colors of India".
- "Comforting Stiches" is currently in Community Room Gallery. Quilters response to the pandemic. Quilters from around the US donated "quilt blocks" to put together quilts for the gallery. Quilt Mania sponsored the idea and are based out of France. Intent was for quilts to be placed in medical facilities for first responders to see.
- Studio Gallery will have "Writers Give Back" exhibit.
- Hanging a crosswalk at the Arts Center. Arts Alpharetta is paying artist to paint crosswalk as part of the "Arts Alpharetta Gives Back" program. Hoping to complete come August before classes start.

B. Director's Report

- Working on nine Park Bond projects and that art is required as a part of the park design concepts in the works.
- First on the list is Union Hill Park. Recommends commissioners visit the park and also consider attending a Home by Dark concert as the venue is great for acoustics.
- Gave accolades to Cultural Services' team to formalize the art genre and interest in Alpharetta.
- Stated if you've got new ideas, they are always interested to hear them!
- Councilmember Hipes reiterated that CAC approved items will be placed on consent agenda to back the decisions made by the CAC.

IX. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

X. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Commissioner Foster offered a motion to adjourn.
 - Commissioner Cookson seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).
 - Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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