



CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 25, 2022

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Elicia Taylor, Administrative Office Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

a. Commission Members

- Dianna Smeal (Chair)
- Gene Andrews (Vice - Chair)
- Shital Foster
- Sabine Genet
- Sumita Patel
- Melody Cookson (Voting Alternate)
- Michael Barsky (Absent)

b. Staff

- Morgan Rodgers, Director of ARPS
- Michael Woodman, Planning & Development Services Manager
- Kim Zane, Cultural Services Manager
- Elle Taylor, Administrative Office Coordinator

c. Council

- John Hipes
- Brian Will

d. Swearing in of Commissioner Foster and Commissioner Patel

e. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022

❖ Commissioner Genet nominated Commissioner Smeal as Chair for 2022.

- Commissioner Cookson seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved (6-0)

❖ Commissioner Genet nominated Commissioner Andrews as Chair for 2022.

- Commissioner Cookson seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved (6-0)

f. Welcome Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Patel and New ARCPS Liaison Councilman Hipes

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. December 15, 2021, Meeting Summary

- ❖ Commissioner Genet offered a motion to approve.
 - Vice-Chair Andrews seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved (6-0)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. North Point EcoDistrict Placemaking Plan - Michael Woodman, Planning & Development Services Manager

- Time of North Point LCI to North Point Placemaking Plan
- EcoDistrict Concept and how it relates to Cultural Arts
- Branding of area as green, sustainable
- Big Creek Greenway
- North Point Overlay District Map
- River of Trees Concept
- District Threshold Concepts
 - The Lattice
 - The Alpha
 - Inspired by the natural environment of the Big Creek Greenway and the larger Piedmont ecoregion.
- Arbor Structures – human-scaled interpretation of the larger District Thresholds.
- Concepts of structures and lighting.
- Big Creek Arbors- Vertical gardens, serve as greenway entrance experience.
- Greenway Moments – creative use of industrial and organic materials to provide visual interest and interpretive learning opportunities.
- Creative use of natural materials
- Map of Recent/upcoming projects in the district
- Council may condition final approval of monuments, structures to the CAC.
- Maintenance will be responsibility of HOA or Commercial Development.
- Sustainable, natural, recycled materials.
- North Point Overlay Design Guidelines
- There was discussion from Director to the Commission

b. Cultural Grant for Services/Art Leader Groups - Reactivate Funding

Kim Zane, Cultural Services Manager, and the Commission discussed reactivation of funding which ended after 2019.

- Support for Local Art Leader Groups total \$28000
- For 2022, proposing \$4000 be granted to Arts Alpharetta and the remaining \$24000 be divided equally among remaining groups who apply and are approved
- Discussed Grant Application
- Discussed process and accountability for approval of funds
- Clarified that temporary art in City Center is a separate budget
- Currently there are no restrictions on how many times groups receive grant funding
- Process will be reevaluated after 2022

V. ITEMS FROM STAFF

a. Kim Zane - Cultural Services Manager

Cultural Services Report

- **Harry Potter Day**
- ****Online Calendar** <https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/recreation-parks/cultural-services>
- ***How a Song Can Change Your Life* Podcast** / Jenn Bostic - Arts Center Black Box Podcast Released Dec 12: – Listen on all major podcast outlets and at asongcanchangeyourlife.com & watch at [facebook.com/homebydark](https://www.facebook.com/homebydark)
- ***From the Artist's Studio: Mark Braught, Laura Freeman, and C.F. Payne / Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery / Through Feb 4, 2022***
 - Illustrator Exhibit with original *Harry Potter's* paintings and sketches; Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award for *Hidden Figures*; and illustrator with images in *Time Magazine*
- ***Maytag Virgin* presented by ACT1 Theater** / Feb 11 & 12, 18 & 19 / Alpharetta Arts Center Black Box / \$20 Tickets at <https://act1theater.org/shows>
- ***Live Discussion with Ngor Kur Mayol*** – Inspiring story of survival as a former Lost Boy of Sudan / Feb 10 / 7pm / Alpharetta City Hall Community Room / Free
- ***Official Bob Ross Technique Class*** / Feb 12 / 10am-2:30pm / Register
- ***Alpharetta Music Club Monthly Performance***– Ryan William Gregory, Violist & Violinist / Sun, Feb 13 / 3-5pm / Arts Center Black Box / \$30 Ticket at <https://alpharettamusicclub.com/> (includes classical music show, wine and hors d'oeuvres)
- ***The Potter's Hand Gallery Exhibit*** / Opening Feb 8 & Reception Feb 19 at 4:30pm / Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery / Free
- ***JaVonne Jones Electric Violin Performance*** / Feb 26 / 7pm / Alpharetta Arts Center Black Box / Free
- **Black History & Celebrations Committee Update** – Ongoing in 2022
- **Public Art & History**
 - Studio Movie Grill Mural – Completed & Artist Unveiling
 - New Guide for Arts Center
- Online Story Map Tours Available on the City Website / Arts & Culture
 - i. Public Art:
<https://alpharetta.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/index.html?appid=cfa5e8876ca847818df8c23bf282d367>

- History:
<https://alpharetta.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/index.html?appid=db252f4c790b45e1af0184eddbbfdca3>

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Street Performers Policy Update**

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Commissioner Genet requested better way of distributing Cultural Happenings information to individuals and organizations
- Staff discussed Arts & Culture page on City website as well as Linked Instagram page. Staff will think about more ways to distribute information.

VIII. DIRECTOR

- Director Rodgers introduced new APCS Liaison Council Member, John Hipes.

IX. COUNCIL

- Council Member Hipes gave brief statement on the City of Alpharetta and cultural happenings.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Smeal adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.