



CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING OFFICIAL MINUTES JANUARY 23, 2024

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

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

- Cultural Arts Commission Members - Present
 - Melody Cookson (Chair)
 - Michael Barsky (Vice Chair)
 - Gene Andrews
 - Shital Foster
 - Dianna Smeal
 - Sabine Genet
 - Sumita Patel
- Staff
 - James Drinkard, Assistant City Administrator
 - Morgan Rodgers, Director – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Kurt Kirby, Senior Operations Manager – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Kim Manning, Cultural Services Division Manager – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Amber O'Dwyer, Administrative Office Coordinator – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2023

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to approve the minutes.
 - Commissioner Smeal offered a motion to approve the minutes, as written, from the December 5, 2023, Cultural Arts Commission Special Called Meeting.
 - Vice Chairman Barsky seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved 6-0-1 with Commissioner Patel abstaining.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Election of 2024 Chair and Vice Chair

- Chairwoman Cookson opened the floor for nominations for chairman of the Cultural Arts Commission.
- Commissioner Smeal nominated to re-elect Commissioner Cookson for the role of chair of the Cultural Arts Commission.
- Commissioner Barsky seconded.
 - ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a vote that all those in favor of Commissioner for chairman, vote in approval.
 - ❖ The vote was unanimous (7-0).
- Chairwoman Cookson announced that the Cultural Arts Commission has voted in favor of Commissioner Cookson as the chairman for calendar year 2024.
- Chairwoman Cookson opened the floor for nominations for vice chairman of the Cultural Arts Commission.
- Commissioner Smeal nominated to re-elect Commissioner Barsky for the role of vice chairman of the Cultural Arts Commission.
- Commissioner Foster seconded.
 - ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a vote that all those in favor of Commissioner Barsky for vice chairman, vote in approval.
 - ❖ The vote was unanimous (7-0).
- Chairwoman Cookson announced that the Cultural Arts Commission has voted in favor of Commissioner Barsky as the vice chairman for calendar year 2024.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Commissioner Foster extended gratitude to Kim Manning for the Holiday Commission Dinner that ended December 2023.

VIII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

- There were no items from the commissioners.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Commissioner Foster made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Commissioner Genet seconded the motion.
- ❖ With there being no further business to consider or discuss, Chairwoman Cookson adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amber O'Dwyer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "O" and a stylized "D".

Amber O'Dwyer
Administrative Office Coordinator
Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services