



CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

OFFICIAL MINUTES

APRIL 23, 2024

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL

COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 2 PARK PLAZA | 6:00 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

❖ Vice Chairman Barsky called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

• Cultural Arts Commission Members - Present

- Michael Barsky (Vice Chair)
- Sabine Genet
- Shital Foster
- Dianna Smeal
- Francesca Connolly (Alternate)

• Cultural Arts Commission Members - Absent

- Melody Cookson (Chair)
- Gene Andrews
- Sumita Patel

• Staff

- Lauren Shapiro-City Clerk
- Morgan Rodgers, Director – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Kim Manning, Cultural Services Division Manager – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Daniel Dominique, Cultural Services Supervisor (Operations) – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Nancy Murphy, Cultural Service Coordinator (Gallery)
- Michael Riddle, Web Administrator

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2024

❖ Vice Chairman Barsky called for a motion to approve the minutes.

- Commissioner Smeal offered a motion to approve the minutes, as written, from the

January 23, 2024, Cultural Arts Commission Meeting.

- Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously 4-0.
- b. **Cultural Arts Commission Work Session Minutes from January 23, 2024**
 - ❖ Vice Chairman Barsky called for a motion to approve the minutes.
 - Commissioner Foster offered a motion to approve the minutes, as written, from the January 23, 2024, Cultural Arts Commission special called work session.
 - Commissioner Smeal seconded the motion.
 - ❖ The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a. Purchase and Location Approval – Liquid Sunshine Sculpture

- Kim Manning, Cultural Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item with the help of Nancy Murphy.
- Staff reported that they met with Arts Alpharetta and Arts Alpharetta has the funds to purchase the Sculpture. Staff is seeking approval from the Commission to add the Sculpture to the Alpharetta Arts Center current collection.

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSON Q & A:

RE: Liquid Sunshine Sculpture

Q What the \$90,000 is for in the bi-yearly budget? (Foster)

A The \$90,000 is the budget for all exhibits for the City, the money goes to Arts Alpharetta to curate and install all the pieces. (Manning)

A Purchasing this piece does not impact the budget. (Murphy)

Q What do you do with the leftover budget money? (Genet)

A The goal is to zero out the budget. Not sure if there will be money in the future to buy more pieces. (Murphy)

Q Did you negotiate the contract to get the only yellow sculpture? (Smeal)

A Great question, we will ask. (Murphy)

Q Are you coming to the Cultural Arts Commission for guidance? (Foster)

A We are coming to the Cultural Arts Commission for approval of the purchase. (Manning)

Q How do you select the spots and is there a plan to put anything on the other side of 400? (Genet)

A The comes from the Cultural Arts Master Plan.

❖ Vice Chair Barsky called for a motion on the item.

- Commissioner Foster offered a motion to approve the purchase, as presented, the Liquid Sunshine Sculpture by Alpharetta Arts Center.
- Commissioner Smeal seconded the motion with the Amendment of getting the color of the sculpture to be exclusive to Alpharetta.

- City Clerk Shapiro suggested to change the motion to Arts Alpharetta instead of Alpharetta Arts Center.
- Commissioner Foster motioned to approve the purchase, as presented, the Liquid Sunshine Sculpture by Arts Alpharetta.
- Commissioner Smeal seconded the motion with the Amendment of getting the color of the sculpture to be exclusive to Alpharetta.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.
- ❖ Commissioner Smeal called for a motion to approve the location of the Liquid Sunshine statue at the Old Milton Parkway extension on the Alpha Loop.
 - Commissioner Genet seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

V. STAFF PRESENTATIONS & WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

a. FY 2025 Budget overview & Initiatives

- Kim Manning, Cultural Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.
- Kim Manning gave a brief report regarding the current outlook from the working version of the fiscal year 2025 budget and initiatives for the Cultural Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
- City Staff will present the upcoming DRAFT FY2025 budget requests. The objective is to share operating and capital requests in the Arts & Culture/Cultural Services Division during the budget review season.
- Daniel Dominique presented regarding the North Point Mall Stage.
- Kim Manning presented regarding Capital requests to set up funding to get matching grants.

CULTURAL ARTS CENTER Q & A:

RE: North Point Mall Stage

Q How did you come up with the revenue for the stage? (Smeal)

A Estimations using the Arts Center rentals. (Manning)

Q What paying partners/who are you targeting for the rentals? (Genet)

A Comedy shows, theater groups, applications similar to the Arts Center. (Manning)

Q Will there be concessions? (Barsky)

A We will have a flex space for concessions that can be available. (Dominique)

Q Will beer and wine be sold? (Barsky)

A Yes if they fill out the proper application and get proper permitting. Beer and Wine sales are allowed in that section of the mall. (Dominique)

Q What will the hours be? (Barsky)

A The agreement with North Point Mall is we have to be out by midnight or 1:00 am with one month notice of staying that late. (Dominique)

Q What type of advertising is being done? (Genet)

A Coming Soon Advertising (Dominique)

RE: Capital Requests

Q What happened with the parks that were going to be open in strategic areas? (Foster)

A We are making great strides in that, 2 opening in May-Mid Broadwell and Waters Road. I will send an email to all of you with the ribbon cuttings and openings scheduled. (Rodgers)

Q Could you anticipate more revenue by expanding the ceramics studio? (Smeal)

A Yes, they are currently fundraising to purchase their own equipment. (Manning)

Q Is this in addition to the budget for next year? Knowing that art funding is not a high priority are you willing to rank them? (Genet)

A I am prepared to make them aware of the categories. (Manning)

A We don't anticipate a lot of pushback, it has been very well vetted by the staff. Also, I think Arts is a priority in Alpharetta. (Rodgers)

Q Any one need more support? (Genet)

A Art in the Parks (Manning)

C Extension of the ceramics lab is an excellent idea. (Foster)

Q When does the budget come out? (Smeal)

A The budget comes out in June and run from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. (Rodgers)

A The first reading is at the May City Council meeting. Budget is posted in June. (Shapiro)

b. Cultural Services Division Monthly Report – April 2024

- Kim Manning, Cultural Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Art Garden – Girl Scout Troop Project
- North Fulton Special Needs Expo
- Park Performance Permit – 6 New Applicants
- The Visitor Redesigned – Public Art Unveiling / Brooke Street Park
- Bi-Yearly Outdoor On Loan Exhibit Agreement with Arts Alpharetta
- The Spotlight Community Stage MOU with North Point Mall
- Alpharetta Music City – Music Match
- Cultural Arts Master Plan MONTHLY INITIATIVES
- Upcoming Alpharetta Arts Center Classes
- Upcoming Events at the Alpharetta Arts Center
- Mid-Broadwell Park Mural

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

- Arts & Culture Online Calendar
<https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/recreation-parks/cultural-services>
- Alpharetta Music City – Live Music Calendar
<https://www.awesomealpharetta.com/calendar/category/alpharetta-music-city-live-music/>
- The Art of Movement Gallery Exhibit / Alpharetta Arts Center / March 3 – May 4 / Opening Exhibit Reception on March 16 at 5pm
- Dr. Esther Morgon-Ellis Workshop present by the Alpharetta Symphony Youth Orchestra / April 28 at 5:30pm / To find out more visit: <https://www.alpharettasympphony.org/>
- Alpharetta Storytelling Festival presented by Alpharetta Library, Friends of the Alpharetta Library and City of Alpharetta / April 27 from 10:30am – 6pm at the Alpharetta Library / Schedule: Page 27 of 46
<https://fulcolibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/660b04093849bf4100b0e51d>
- Confluence Coming Together presented by the Alpharetta Community Chorus / May 5 at 3pm / Alpharetta Presbyterian Church / More info: alpharettacommunitychorus.com
- Paint the Town 2024 – Plein Air Painting presented by Arts Alpharetta / Event from May 7 – 11 / Gallery Reception May 11 – June 8
- Paint the Town 2024- Gallery Reception and Award Ceremony presented by Arts Alpharetta / Alpharetta Arts Center / May 11 at 5pm
- An Ode to America presented by the Alpharetta Symphony Orchestra / May 27 at 5pm / Brooke Street Park / Free

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION Q & A:

RE: Summer Camp

Q How are the Summer Camp sign ups going? (Genet)

A They filled very quickly. (Manning)

C We need more spaces. (Foster)

RE: Events

C Director Rodgers invited everyone to make a pledge to attend one of the concerts at Union Hill Park this summer.

C Commissioner Andrews emailed a reminder for everyone to attend an event at the Metropolitan Club for Mother's Day. The event is May 11th. (Shapiro)

VI. CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- There were no items from commissioners.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Wow and Thank you for all the great things that have changed in Alpharetta over the past 30 years. (Nancy Murphy)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Vice Chairman Barsky called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Commissioner Smeal made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Commissioner Genet seconded the motion.
- ❖ With there being no further business to consider or discuss, Vice Chairman Barsky adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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