



CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

AUGUST 27, 2024

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL

COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 2 PARK PLAZA | 6:00 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

❖ Vice Chairwoman Cookson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

• Cultural Arts Commission Members - Present

- Melody Cookson (Chair)
- Michael Barsky (Vice-Chair)
- Sabine Genet
- Shital Foster
- Dianna Smeal
- Sumita Patel

• Staff

- James Drinkard, Assistant City Administrator
- Deanna McKay, Communications & Engagement Coordinator
- Morgan Rodgers, Director – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Kim Manning, Cultural Services Division Manager – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Sarah Bausano, Administrative Office Coordinator – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Nancy Murphy, Cultural Services Coordinator – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2024

❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to approve the minutes.

- Commissioner Foster offered a motion to approve the minutes, as written, from the June 25, 2024, Cultural Arts Commission Meeting.
- Commissioner Barsky seconded the motion.

❖ The motion was approved unanimously 6-0.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2024-2026 Bi-Yearly Outdoor-On-Loan Sculpture Program – RIFF Exhibit

- Nancy Murphy presented the Exhibit for Arts Alpharetta as well as Kim Manning.
- Kim came forward and gave a background on the Outdoor-On-Loan program
- Nancy presented all ten of the sculptures as well as the three alternates. She gave a background on all the sculptures and where they would be located throughout the City.
- Kim recommended a vote due to the sculpture availability.

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION Q & A:

b. RE: 2024-2026 Bi-Yearly Outdoor-On-Loan Sculpture Program – RIFF Exhibit

Q Will there be QR codes for the pieces? (Barsky)

A Yes, we have been adding the over the past couple years. There is a great story map. (Murphy)

Q Does the City have the money to approve all ten sculptures? (Barsky)

A Yes, the City does. (Murphy)

Q What is the large blue sculpture made of? Will it be safe? (Patel)

A This will be sturdy, not designed for climbing but it will be sturdy. (Murphy)

Q Will there be a "Do Not Climb" sign? (Foster)

A The plaque that will be with the sculpture will say that on it. The sculpture is for visual, not touch. (Murphy)

Q Are the sculptures rented or purchased? (Foster)

A They are in a lease program. (Murphy)

Q Is the price listed the lease price or the purchase price? (Foster)

A The rent rate is \$3,000.00 deposit and \$3,000.00 at pick up of the sculpture. (Murphy)

Q For future, I would like to see more interactive art and more engagement of Art. Will there be a reception around the new sculptures? (Genet)

A I have to get the sculptures here and they may come at different times. (Murphy)

A We will try to work with the ACVB and marketing to launch it once everything arrives. (Manning)

- Chairwoman Cookson asked how we need to move forward and Commissioner Foster moved to approve all ten sculptures and the three alternates. Vice-Chair Barsky asked if the blue piece is not available, do we use the alternates in the place and Kim said that we need to just vote on the ten sculptures. Commissioner Smeal did not want to add the alternates to the vote. Chairwoman Cookson asked if anyone would like to speak and one resident came forward and stated that she loved all the artwork. Commissioner Smeal asked if the tall one would be secure and Nancy assured her that Daniel has looked at all the sites and confirmed it would be secure.

❖ Commissioner Foster called for a motion to approve the ten sculptures in the RIFF Exhibit without the alternates.

- ❖ Commissioner Barsky seconded the motion to approve, as presented, the ten sculptures in the RIFF Exhibit without the alternates.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously 6-0.

V. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

a. Cultural Services Division Monthly Report – June 2024

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

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- NEW Arts & Culture Guide – September 2024 – February 2025
- Summer Camps 2024

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- Crosswalks in City Parks – Waters Road Park

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/>
- *Eclectic Lawn Concert Series* featuring *Cedar Hill* / Alpharetta Arts Center Terrace & Lawn / August 9 from 7-9:30pm
- *Layers* Gallery Exhibit / Alpharetta Arts Center / Opening Reception Sat, August 10 from 5-7pm / Exhibit Runs from August 7 through September 28
- *The Magical Music of Harry Potter* presented by Alpharetta Symphony / Alpharetta Methodist Church / September 6 at 7:30pm / Tickets:
<https://www.alpharettasympphony.org/harry-potter>
- *Blithe Spirit* presented by ACT1 Community theater / Alpharetta Presbyterian Church / Friday & Saturday, Sept 6 & 7 at 7:30pm and Sunday, Sept 8 at 2pm / Tickets:
<https://act1theater.org/2024-2025>
- *Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild: Trunk Showcase with Patty Murphy* Guild / Adult Activity Center / Sept 9 at 6 – 7:30pm / \$5 for nonmembers, free from members
- *Eclectic Lawn Concert Series* featuring *City Lights Experience* / Alpharetta Arts Center Terrace & Lawn / September 13 from 7-9:30pm

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION Q & A:

Q Update on the Cultural Arts Master Plan. (Cookson)

A Survey is open until August 30th, once they get it then we will get the results. (Manning)

Q Update on North Point Mall. (Smeal)

A Plans have been approved and we are moving forward. (Manning)

Q Any new groups that have been added over the last 6 months. (Genet)

A No, not at this time. (Manning)

VI. CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Commissioner Smeal made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Commissioner Genet seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion approved unanimously 6-0.
- ❖ With there being no further business to consider or discuss, Chairwoman Cookson adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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