



CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

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

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The public is advised that the following minutes are not a verbatim transcription of business presented at the Council Meeting of the date shown; but are a synopsis of pertinent information. The public is further advised that the video recording for said meeting is a matter of public record and is available to be viewed at the City Clerk's office during normal business hours or viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/user/alpharettagov>.

I. CALL TO ORDER

❖ Vice Chairwoman Cookson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

• Cultural Arts Commission Members - Present

- Melody Cookson (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
- Kurt Kirby, Senior Operations Manager – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Kim Manning, Cultural Services Division Manager – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Sarah Bausano, Administrative Office Coordinator – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes from August 27, 2024

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

- Commissioner Patel offered a motion to approve the minutes, as written, from the August 27, 2024, Cultural Arts Commission Meeting.
- Commissioner Genet seconded the motion.

❖ The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. Rotary of North Fulton, Greenway Manhole Murals (9) – Public Art

- Thomas Nolf presented on behalf of Rotary of North Fulton, Greenway Manhole Murals.
- Thomas gave a background on the program, and they invited all 10 North Fulton High Schools to take part in submitting for the manhole artwork. Rotary received several submissions. The students that did not get their artwork selected were asked to be part of the workshop the last weekend in September. The plan is to have the students that were selected to start painting the weekend of October 5th and 6th. Rotary decided to do the manholes South of the Haynes Bridge entrance to the Greenway due to that entrance being the busiest. The theme again this year is “clean water”, and we went with more of a curation approach to placing the artwork, based on Kim’s suggestion. Rotary is very proud of these students, and we are looking forward to doing this all along the Greenway.
- Chairwoman Cookson asked to move forward with a vote. Commissioner Patel asked for a motion and Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. Chairwoman Cookson stated that the motion is now on the floor for discussion.

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION Q & A:

RE: Rotary of North Fulton, Greenway Manhole Murals (9) – Public Art

Q Are you using the same units as before? (Foster)

A No, these are 9 new manholes. (Nolf)

Q Can you let us know how you were able to get the students involved? (Genet)

A We solicited the Art Teachers and Principals and did a “Call for Art.” The student’s privacy is our big concern. (Nolf)

C Knowing that artists are through the application process, I would love to help them navigate that process. (Genet)

C We would love to have help with that, but we have to keep in mind that they are minors. (Nolf)

C I would be happy to help with teaching the kids the process. (Genet)

C Please come to the Workshop this weekend, that would be a good opportunity to speak to them. (Nolf)

Q Did you provide the students with a certificate? (Foster)

A Yes, the Mayor and Rotary of North Fulton did. (Nolf)

C I read through the packet, impressive maintenance plan, thank you for that. (Cookson)

- Chairwoman Cookson asked if anyone would like to speak, and no one came forward. Chairwoman Cookson stated that the floor was closed for debate and called for a vote.
 - ❖ Commissioner Patel called for a motion to approve the Rotary of North Fulton, Manhole Murals (9).
 - ❖ Commissioner Foster seconded the motion to approve, as presented, the Rotary of North Fulton, Manhole Murals (9).
 - ❖ The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

V. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

a. Cultural Services Division Monthly Report – September 2024

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

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Art Center Murals – Sun & Moon by Camp Staff

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- RIFF – Installations & Updates
- Crosswalks in City Parks – Mid Broadwell Park
- Crosswalks in City Parks – Webb Bridge Park/Open Call for Artists
- Arts Center – Fall Classes
- ARTober – National Arts & Humanities Month – Brochure & Mayor Proclamation is set for October 7th at 6:30 p.m.

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/>
- *Layers Gallery Exhibit* at the Alpharetta Arts Center – The Exhibit runs through September 28th, 2024.
- Family Day – Pop Art at the Alpharetta Arts Center is Saturday, October 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Branches Intertwined presented by Alpharetta Community Chorus is on Sunday, October 6th at 3:00 p.m. at Alpharetta Presbyterian Church, for more information visit <https://alpharettacommunitychorus.com/>
- Talking Quilts presented by Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild is at the Alpharetta Adult Activity Center on Monday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 for nonmembers and free for members.
- Metropolitan Ballet Theatre Fall Concert at the Alpharetta Arts Center on Saturday, October 12th at 2:00 p.m., for more information please visit <https://www.metropolitanballet.org>
- Romeo & Juliet presented by ACT1 Community Theater will be at Brooke Street Park Bandstand on Friday and Saturday, October 18th through the 26th at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 12:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. There is no charge for this event.
- Wanderlust presented by Alpharetta Symphony will be at the Alpharetta Methodist Church on November 1st at 7:30 p.m., tickets are available at <https://alpharettasympphony.org/wanderlust>

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION Q & A:

- C We did not approve the three alternates from the RIFF Sculpture presentation. (Smeal)
- C The three alternates were the last three. (Foster)
- C We need to bring the three alternates to the next meeting. (Smeal)
- C We will bring them to the October meeting. (Manning)

Q Will this delay anything or cause a hiccup? (Genet)

A No, we can wait. (Manning)

Q When is the marketing brochure going live? (Cookson)

A Not until November. (Manning)

b. Alpharetta Arts & Culture Master Plan

- Kim Manning, Cultural Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department presented a broad overview of the current findings from TSW Consultants. Kim stated that she is hoping to have everything completed by November or December.
- Kim went through the presentation provided by TSW Consultants.

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION Q & A

Q What does family friendly mean? (Patel)

A Things like Family Day, for example. (Manning)

Q For demographics, do we have a breakdown? (Genet)

A She might, this was just the first meeting. (Manning)

Q Have we thought about getting an App? (Foster)

A For communications? We can discuss with Marketing. (Manning)

C This is all great. (Cookson)

Q We mentioned Art as an afterthought, have you asked how that can be changed? (Genet)

A Yes. (Manning)

VI. CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Commissioner Patel made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.
- ❖ With there being no further business to consider or discuss, Chairwoman Cookson adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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