



SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, January 19, 2021

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

Public Meeting Zoom Link located: <https://durhamnc.gov/453/Public-Art-Committee>

Committee Members Present

Antonio Alanis
Mya Castillo-Martel
Caroline Dwyer, Vice-Chair

Patricia Harris
Molly Matlock
Laura Ritchie

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City/County Staff Present

Summer Alston, General Services
Alexandra Benson, General Services
Rebecca Brown, General Services

Brenda Hayes-Bright, Durham County Public Art
Linda Salguero, Durham County Public Art

Annette Smith, Department of Parks and Recreation
Fallon Thompson, General Services

Guests Present

Margaret DeMott, Durham Arts Council

Susan Tierney, Durham Arts Council

I. Call to Order and Guest Introductions

- a. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Vice-Chair Caroline Dwyer, standing in for Chair Marcella Camara.

II. Approval of Minutes – December 2021

- a. The November 2021 meeting minutes were not recorded as quorum was not met and the Chair was not present.
- b. **Motion:** The Durham Public Art Committee approves the December 2021 summary minutes. (Ritchie, Harris 2nd).
- c. **Action:** Approved. (7-0).

III. Adjustments to the Agenda

- a. N/A

IV. Announcements

- a. N/A

V. Updates/ Old Business

- a. **Updates on Current Public Art Projects**
 - i. City staff provided updates on current and upcoming public art projects: <https://durhamnc.gov/450/Cultural-Public-Art-Development>



- ii. Hoover Road Athletic Complex. More information here:
<https://durhamnc.gov/3940/Hoover-Road-Park>
 1. Hoover Road RFQ call had a deadline of January 13, 2022. An artist selection panel is being formed with six residents volunteering to be part of the panel. More information coming in February.
- iii. Solid Waste Management Department. More information here:
<https://durhamnc.gov/4352/Solid-Waste-Management-Department>
 1. The interior mural by artist Brandon Hampton is completed and has received positive feedback from City employees. City staff is coordinating signage for the artworks at the site.
- iv. W.D. Hill Recreation Center. More information here:
<https://durhamnc.gov/4358/WD-Hill-Recreation-Center>
 1. Exterior mural by artist Wade Williams has been completed and a final letter of acceptance has been issued. City staff is coordinating signage for the artworks at the site.
- v. Rock Quarry Park. More information here: <https://durhamnc.gov/4394/Rock-Quarry>
 1. Two twin sculptures by artist Vandorn Hinnant have been installed on site. City staff is coordinating signage for the artworks at the site.
- vi. Black Wall Street Gardens. More information here:
<https://durhamnc.gov/3912/Black-Wall-Street-Gardens>
 1. The sculptures by artists Stephen Hayes and David Wilson are currently in installation phase. One sculpture was removed and is back in fabrication with Cricket Forget for modifications before re-installation. City staff is coordinating signage for the two artworks at the site.
- vii. South Ellerbe Restoration Project. More information here:
<https://durhamnc.gov/4598/South-Ellerbe-Restoration-Project>
 1. The artist team consisting of Anna Wagner, Julienne Alexander, and Ben Reid is moving forward to the contracting phase. PAC members interested in participating in this project are encouraged to reach out to City staff.
- viii. Participatory Budgeting Bus Shelters. More information here:
<https://durhamnc.gov/4281/Public-Art-for-Bus-Shelters>
 1. This project is still on pause during the actual construction of the bus shelters and pending approvals of land from NCDOT and other entities.
- ix. Fire & Emergency Services Station 18. More information here:
<https://durhamnc.gov/4428/Fire-EMS-Station-18>
 1. City staff is waiting on artist finalist team to confirm interest in project before moving forward into contract.
- x. Durham Station. More information here: <https://durhamnc.gov/4469/Durham-Station>



1. City staff have selected Theresa Arico to create a bench and set of planters using mosaics to provide public art amenities at Durham Station. Project is anticipated to be delivered by end of 2022 and is currently in the contracting phase.
- xi. Celebration of Black Artistry in Neighborhoods. More information here: <https://durhamnc.gov/4430/Celebration-of-Black-Artistry-in-Neighbo>
 1. Weaver Street Recreation Center is the potential site for a teaching artist-in-residence project over the course of 6 weeks. Final selection will be made by youth in the program.
 2. Fallon Thompson from General Services is working as a Community Engagement Coordinator to help initiate conversations with neighborhoods during public art projects.

b. Governance Items: PAC Student Members

- i. Review of [Student Member Position for DCAB](#) & approval of student application process. PAC reviews and recommends new three student members; DCAB appoints the three student members.
 1. City Council has requested for all resident advisory boards to include student members. For the Public Art Committee, PAC will recommend the students to DCAB and DCAB will appoint them.
 2. DCAB members recommend a quarterly targeted push out to student organizations to encourage membership.
 3. Laura Ritchie and Antonio Alanis have volunteered to help review the student member job description.
- ii. **Action:** To approve and release the three Public Art Committee student member application process. (Matlock, Castillo-Martinez 2nd)
- iii. **MOTION:** Approved (7-0).

VI. New Business and Presentation

a. Durham County CIP Project Public Art

- i. Durham County's Public Art Program is requesting for PAC to provide a recommendation of approval for the presented designs during the February meeting
- ii. RFQ No. 20-006 Structural Public Art Screen Wall at the 318 E. Main Street Parking Deck Closed: 3:00 p.m. on September 29, 2020.
<https://www.dconc.gov/home/showdocument?id=32958>
 1. The selected artist for this project missed the deadline for final designs. Durham County has therefore delayed the timeline. The review for the artist's final designs for this project will be moved to the February meeting for feedback and a recommendation of approval.
 2. The installation date is anticipated for spring 2022.

b. Durham Arts Council Arts Network Presentation

- i. Presented by Margaret DeMott and Susan Tierney
 1. The Durham Arts Network directory was created to include artists, arts organizations, cultural resources, arts businesses, and venues based in



Durham, Chatham, Granville, Person, and Orange counties (and beyond).

2. The website was launched in August 2020 after an initial group of beta users helped test the site. Durham Arts Network is meant to be a stand-alone directory to help artists/organizations promote their businesses, find commissions or gigs, and initiate collaborations. It is free to use for those listing and those searching the site. To date, over 100 artists and over 90 organizations have made profiles.
3. PAC members are encouraged to submit any suggestions about the website to Durham Arts Council staff. City staff are exploring ways to link this directory to the Pre-Qualified Artist Registry.
4. The link to the website is: <https://www.durhamartsnetwork.org/>

VII. Public Questions

- a. No questions were submitted by the public.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Final Thoughts and other reminders by Chair/Vice Chair.
- b. Next Meeting:
 - i. Discussion on Racial Equity Training for 2022 and Retreat Planning

Submitted respectively,
Alexandra Benson