



## Durham Cultural Advisory Board

### SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Public Meeting Zoom Link located: <https://durhamnc.gov/452/Durham-Cultural-Advisory-Board>

#### Durham Cultural Advisory Board Members Present

Michael A Betts, II	Angela Lee, Chair	
Katy Clune	Raafe Purnsley	<i>**Ex-officio, Cultural</i>
E'Vonne Coleman	Laura Ritchie	<i>Advisory Board member</i>
Tom Jaynes	Mitchell E. Sava	
Joseph Jordan	Elias Torre	

#### City of Durham Staff and Representatives Present

Summer Alston, GSD	Brenda Hayes-Bright,	Linda Salguero, Durham
Alexandra Benson, GSD	Durham County Public Art	County Public Art
Rebecca Brown, GSD		Annette Smith, DPS

#### Guests Present

Margaret DeMott, Durham Arts Council	Anna Fiore
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#### **I. Call to Order & Guest Introductions**

- a. The meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM by Tom Jaynes in place of Angela Lee.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes – November 2021**

- a. **MOTION:** The Durham Cultural Advisory Board approves the November summary meeting minutes (Torre, Betts 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- b. **ACTION:** Approved. (8-0)
- c. The Durham Cultural Advisory Board will approve the December summary minutes at the next meeting.

#### **III. Adjustments to the Agenda**

- a. None.

#### **IV. Announcements**

- a. The Durham Cultural Advisory Board recommends putting forth a formal recognition of Andre Leon Talley to City Council in honor of his life, legacy, and accomplishments.

#### **V. Updates/Old Business**

- a. Reminder on New Student Member

1. The Durham Cultural Advisory Board student member application is open with a deadline for January 31.
- b. New Member Recommendation**
  1. The Durham Cultural Advisory Board new member application was open through January 2. New applicants will be sent to DCAB members. Moving forward, the Board will recommend more applicants than there are vacancies to ensure that the space will always be filled. City Clerk procedures have been updated to now require a statement of support for recommended candidates for City Council to use as consideration when determining the final candidate.
  2. Durham Cultural Advisory Board members might create a subcommittee to help narrow down applicants during an initial review process.
- c. Public Art Updates**
  1. City staff provided updates on current and upcoming public art projects: <https://durhamnc.gov/450/Cultural-Public-Art-Development>
  2. 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.
  3. 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.
  4. 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.
  5. 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.
  6. 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.

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.

## VI. New Business

- a. 2021 Annual Report Review
  1. Edits and suggestions can be submitted by DCAB members via email to be incorporated in the final report.
- b. Retreat Planning
  1. Welcome members to provide suggestions for the 2022 Retreat and goal-setting for 2022.
    1. DCAB members recommend breaking the retreat up into two days to accommodate for work schedules. The goal-setting portion has been identified as a priority and should take place as soon as possible even if other retreat activities happen later.
    2. A doodle poll will go out to members to gauge availability for a full-day retreat in April.

- c. Task Force Updates
  - 1. Updates from Task Force on Advocacy Paper for Cultural Master Plan
    - 1. Goal 1: Lead community research to build a case for a new cultural master plan for Durham, incorporating the principles and ideals of the Independent Artist Proposal.
      - a. Task Force members: Katy Clune (co-leader), E'Vonne Coleman (co-leader), Mitchell E. Sava, Ava Navarro, Laure Ritchie
    - 2. Goal 2: Design and execute an advocacy approach for 2021 and 2022 to seek funding for a new cultural master plan for Durham.
      - a. Task Force members: E'Vonne Coleman, Saira Estrada, Joseph Jordan
      - b. City Council did not recommend the funding proposal brought forth by Durham Arts Council and supported by DCAB. The subcommittee(s) are scheduled to meet before the next monthly DCAB meeting and will have more updates in February.
  - 2. Updates from Task Force on Goal 3:
    - 1. Goal 3: Develop sustainable strategies devoted to diversity, equity, and inclusion in the work of DCAB, with a particular focus on anti-racism and social justice.
      - a. Task Force Members: E'Vonne Coleman, Tom Jaynes, Ava Navarro, Saira Estrada, Michael A Betts, II, Raafe Purnsley, and Laura Ritchie
      - b. The last subcommittee meeting was spent reflecting on last month's presentation from the North Carolina Arts Council and equity practices shared by Durham Arts Council to brainstorm a more thoughtful approach to the artist focus groups and listening sessions. The next subcommittee meeting will take place February 2, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

**VII. Public Questions**

- a. No questions were submitted by the public prior to this meeting.

**VIII. Adjournment**

- a. The meeting was adjourned early by Tom Jaynes at 4:23 p.m. (Jordan, Coleman 2<sup>nd</sup>)

For updates on City of Durham Public Art Projects, visit: <https://durhamnc.gov/3319/Current-Public-Art-Projects>

Respectfully submitted,  
Alexandra Benson