

## Durham Cultural Advisory Board

### SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, March 16, 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	Joseph Jordan	
E'Vonne Coleman	Angela Lee, Chair	<i>**Ex-officio, Cultural</i>
Eldrin Deas	Raafe Purnsley	<i>Advisory Board member</i>
Marcus Hawley, Vice-Chair	Angelique Stallings	
Tom Jaynes	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, GSD

#### Guests Present

Margaret DeMott, Durham Arts Council	Kim Smith
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#### I. Call to Order & Guest Introductions

- a. The meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM by Angela Lee.
- b. City Council has appointed Angelique Stallings to the Durham Cultural Advisory Board and today is their first meeting.

#### II. Adjustments to the Agenda

- a. None.

#### III. Approval of Minutes – February 2022

- a. **MOTION:** The Durham Cultural Advisory Board approves the February 2022 summary meeting minutes (Coleman, Torre 2<sup>nd</sup>).
- b. **ACTION:** Approved. (10-0).

#### IV. Announcements

- a. The Public Art Committee has changed their meeting times to the second Wednesday of every month from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM.

- b. The Public Art Committee has recommended two new members to fulfill the two vacancies on the Board.
- c. Marcus Hawley may resign from the Durham Cultural Advisory Board for a new opportunity outside of Durham.
- d. Keep Durham Beautiful is working with a Duke University intern to gather information on a new placemaking project at a greenspace along Foster Street.
- e. Durham Arts Council will present the DPLEX public art project to the Public Art Committee on March 16, 2022. The recording of the presentation will be available for review on DCAB's shared folder. Sherry DeVries, Cheryl Stewart, and Margaret DeMott are the points of contact for this project.
- f. Durham County's parking garage public artwork is now in fabrication after the contract was approved by both the Public Art Committee and County Commissioners.
- g. Points of Discussion:
  - 1. What are the different ways that DCAB members can advocate for public art in the community? Is there a standard elevator pitch template that can be used to show support to leadership and City Council to thank them for allocating funding towards public art?
  - 2. What are different online networking opportunities where DCAB members can connect with the community? How can DCAB be more accessible to the broader community? Twitter spaces / newsletters / etc.?

## V. Old Business

- a. Goals and Calendar of Meetings Adoption
  - 1. To approve the 2022 goals, DCAB task forces will draft and schedule meeting topics for 2022 schedule prior to this meeting.
  - 2. ACTION: To approve and adopt the 2022 Goals for the Durham Cultural Advisory Board.
    - 1. Priorities drafted:
      - a. Advocate for more City and County funding and support for arts and culture in Durham
      - b. Support the implementation of a new Cultural Road Map
      - c. Provide stewardship during the pilot year of the Poet Laureate of Durham
      - d. Strengthen relationships with all communities, neighborhoods, and people of Durham
      - e. Advocate for sustainable strategies devoted to equity, diversity, inclusion with a particular focus on anti-racism and social justice
      - f. Support and strengthen the work of the Public Art Committee
      - g. Explore arts and mental health intersection or promote arts and mental health

2. Discussion:
  - a. Since the Poet Laureate Pilot Program is already in the work plan for the year, it shouldn't be stated as a priority.
  - b. Goal Change: Sustainable "strategies" should be referred to as sustainable "structures" in Priority 5.
  - c. **Motion:** Combine Priority E and G to: "Advocate for sustainable structures devoted to equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging with a particular focus on anti-racism, social justice, and mental health" (Torre, Betts 2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - d. **Action:** Approved (5-3).
  - e. **Motion:** Change the language in Goal 3 (Torre, Betts 2<sup>nd</sup>)
3. More time will be dedicated towards finalizing the Durham Cultural Advisory Board Priorities at the April meeting.

#### VI. New Business

- a. Updates on Cultural Roadmap
  1. The task force is working to confirm that funding consideration for the Cultural Roadmap is in the upcoming City Council and County Commissioners budget for FY2022-2023.
- b. Poet Laureate Updates
  1. The Request for Qualifications will be released in the next few weeks after a Spanish translation of the document is available.

#### VII. Public Questions

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

#### VIII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned by Angela Lee at 4:36 p.m.
- b. Next Meeting will be hosted April 20, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
  1. Schedule of Meeting Topics/Dates
  2. Festival & Special RFP Feedback
  3. Poet Laureate Updates

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Alexandra Benson