



Durham Cultural Advisory Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, June 15, 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	Elias Torre
E'Vonne Coleman	Angela Lee, Chair	<i>**Ex-officio, Cultural</i>
Eldrin Deas	Erin Lee	<i>Advisory Board member</i>
Caroline Dwyer	Laura Ritchie	
Tom Jaynes	Mitchell Sava	

City of Durham Staff and Representatives Present

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

Guests Present

Margaret DeMott, Durham Arts Council	Steve Schewel, Former Mayor
Anna Fiore, Discover Durham	

I. Call to Order & Guest Introductions

- a. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Angela Lee.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

- a. None.

III. Approval of Minutes – May 2022

- a. **MOTION:** The Durham Cultural Advisory Board approves the May 2022 summary meeting minutes (Jaynes, Jordan 2nd).
- b. **ACTION:** Approved. (10-0).

IV. Announcements

- a. Upcoming Events in June & July.
 - i. The opening celebration for the Black Wall Street Gardens public art installation will take place on Thursday, June 16 from 6:00 – 8:30 PM.
- b. Durham County Public Art Installation Updates

- i. No updates. The public art piece at the Durham County parking deck is underway for installation.
- c. FY22-23 City/County Budget Cycle Updates
 - i. Final budget presentation from the General Services Department was given to City Council on June 9. Durham County's budget for FY22-23 has been adopted for the new fiscal year
- d. Durham Poet Laureate Pilot Program Updates
 - i. Mayor O'Neal will be announcing the appointment of DJ Rogers as the new Durham Poet Laureate at the upcoming Work Session on Thursday, June 9, 2022. City staff is developing next steps for announcement celebrations and events for the new position. The Cultural and Public Art Program will be the overarching managing department for the position.

V. Old Business

- a. Cultural Roadmap Updates
 - i. Former Mayor Steve Schewel has agreed to act as Co-Chair for the Cultural Roadmap Steering Committee and the Board is seeking recommendations from DCAB membership for the second Co-Chair. DCAB's Subcommittee is working on a nomination process for the Steering Committee as well. The Steering Committee is anticipated to have 25 members. Their role is to provide advice, ensure delivery of the project outputs and the achievement of project outcomes. The primary goal is to ensure success, provide guidance, and ensure the project successfully reaches its goals.
 - ii. The board discussed funding the planning process. There are also plans to submit applications to the Triangle Community Foundation, Mary Duke Biddle Foundation, and others.
 - iii. The Subcommittee suggests proposing a 5-7-year plan rather than 10-15 years, and utilizing other large plans being launched that can be linked where possible such as the Downtown Durham plan, Discover Durham Tourism Plan, and the Department of Parks and Recreation Plan.
 - iv. The Subcommittee is seeking additional members from the Durham Cultural Advisory Board to join the planning process.
 - v. Questions identified for the plan to address are located in the Google Document [here](#).
- b. 2022 Priorities/Goals footnote approval
 - i. The 2022 DCAB Priorities Draft document is linked [here](#). Below are the priorities identified by the Board:
 - a. Advocate for more city and county funding and support for arts and culture in Durham.

- i. Draft policies to serve as guiding principles for equitable City and County Funding.
 - ii. Consider language from the Racial Equity Task Force to create definitions on what is deemed “arts and culture” to ensure the City and County are leaning on DCAB for involvement.
 - iii. Support ARP Funding for arts and cultural proposals.
 - iv. Encourage greater funding for Events and Festivals.
 - v. Continue to support/advocate for Independent Artist Proposal.
- b. Support the implementation of a new Cultural Road Map.
 - i. Create a Visioning Committee to draft the focus and recommend Steering Committee members.
 - ii. Ensure continuous communication with City/County Management and elected officials
 - iii. Raise private sector funds to support the plan.
 - iv. Lead the recruiting and confirmation of the Steering Committee.
 - v. Support the activities of the Steering Committee and consultants.
- c. Strengthen and improve relationships with artists, arts and cultural organizations, communities, neighborhoods, and people of Durham.
 - i. Strengthen our connection and communication with artists, arts and cultural organizations.
 - ii. Inform neighborhoods of DCAB’s role.
 - iii. Consider strategy sessions that bring in members of the specific affinity groups we believe are being overlooked to help with building thoughtful relationships.
 - iv. Strengthen our connections with historically excluded communities. *[Add footnote]*
- d. Advocate for equitable structures and sustainable funding.
 - i. Focus on equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging.
 - ii. Identify anti-racism, social justice, mental health and wellness strategies.
 - iii. Analyze the intersection between health/wellness and art and culture structures.
- e. Support and strengthen the work of the Public Art Committee.
- f. Provide stewardship during the pilot year of the Poet Laureate of Durham.

- ii. **MOTION:** To approve and adopt the footnote for Priority 3D drafted by Tom Jaynes and Eldrin Deas as part of the 2022 Goals for the Durham Cultural Advisory Board: *“The Durham Cultural Advisory Board defines “historically excluded communities” as any group of people (by gender, ability, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or other identity) who have been or are currently underrepresented either numerically, systemically, in ways of power, in positions of authority, or in adequacy of resources in Durham’s arts and cultural social structures.”* (Torre, Ritchie 2nd)
 - 1. **ACTION:** Approved. (10-0).

VI. New Business

- a. DCAB By-Laws
 - i. **MOTION:** The Durham Cultural Advisory Board approves the updates to the DCAB By-Laws to move forth to City Council and the City Clerk. (Betts, Sava 2nd)
 - ii. **ACTION:** Approved. (10-0).
- b. DCAB Officer Elections
 - i. Chair Nominations: Mitchell Sava, Angela Lee
 - 1. **MOTION:** The Durham Cultural Advisory Board recommends Angela Lee as Chair for the next term. (Jaynes, Betts 2nd).
 - 2. **ACTION:** Approved. (10-0).
 - ii. Vice-Chair Nominations: Mitchell Sava, E’Vonne Coleman
 - 1. **MOTION:** The Durham Cultural Advisory Board recommends Mitchell Sava as Vice-Chair for the next term. (Coleman, Jordan 2nd).
 - 2. **ACTION:** Approved. (10-0).
- c. PAC Chair & Vice-Chair Updates
 - i. The Public Art Committee was not able to meet in May, therefore, there are no updates.

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 4:30 p.m.
- b. Next Meeting will be hosted July 13, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Cultural Advisory Board

Alexandra Benson