



Kennesaw Art and Culture Commission

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Valerie Dibble, Vice Chair
Kim Meacham, Secretary
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Art and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2017

6:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

Commission Chair Jessie Blowers called the meeting of the City of Kennesaw Art and Culture Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2529 J.O. Stephenson Ave., Kennesaw, Georgia, 30144.

-Commission members present: Jessie Blowers, Valerie Dibble, Chris Dziejowski, Kim Meacham, Jessy Patterson, and Carol Sills. Six (6) Commission members were present (five members are needed to establish a quorum). The total number of Commissioners is seven (7).

-Commission members absent: Justin Rabideau.

-City representatives and Guests in attendance: Darryl Simmons (Planning and Zoning Administrator).

-Guests in attendance: Tanju (TJ) Bayramoglu, The Maker Station MakerSpace and Joe Bozeman, Historic Preservation Commission.

-Adoption of October 19, 2017, minutes: Carol Sills moved, Valerie Dibble seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0-0.

- Master plan update

- Darryl Simmons updated the commission on the legal team's review. The legal team reviewed the Master Plan and compiled a list of items that need to be completed.
- Darryl indicated that he needs to clarify with the legal time their responsibility, which is to review the document for any potential legal exposure.
- Kim Meacham indicated, the KACC has already completed many of the items listed and continues work on the remaining, open items.

-Hip Hop Club recognition and donation vote

- Jessie Blowers proposed a motion to provide an honorarium of up to \$100 to guest performers, for one – two guest performers per year. Jessie moved, Chris Dziejowski seconded to approve the motion. Motion carried 6-0-0.
- Jessie Blowers proposed a motion to authorize an honorarium of \$100 be paid to the Hip Hop Club that performed at the Dinner at the Depot on October 30, 2017. Valerie Dibbles moved, Kim Meacham seconded to approve the motion. Motion carried 6-0-0.
- Carol Sills suggested that a line item be added to the budget.

-New intern appointments

- Jessie Blowers indicated and Darryl Simmons confirmed that Crystal Newberry's application for KACC's intern position was accepted.
- Darryl provided a brief explanation of the internship process, which in this case was expedited because Crystal would be working remotely.
- Darryl indicated that Crystal's term will be from December 2017 – May 2018 and that she would provide 8 – 10 hours of work per month as determined by Jessie Blowers in coordination with Darryl.
- Crystal's primary focus will be work on the KACC website to help make the website more dynamic, providing updates, creating podcasts, among other tasks as needed.
- Jessie will be responsible for assigning projects to Crystal and for overseeing the work that is being done. Darryl will be responsible for signing off on Crystals hours for the City and also for signing off on the paperwork required for her to receive credit from KSU.
- Jessie will keep everyone updated on the projects and schedule time for Crystal to attend a meeting to meet the full commission.
- Crystal Newberry's intern appointment was unanimously ratified 6-0-0.

-New member discussions / opportunities

- The KACC has three (3) opportunities potentially available.
- Jessie Blowers indicated that Kristine Hwang, Associate Professor, Graphic Communications, Kennesaw State University had expressed her interest in joining the commission.

-Other

- Jessie Blowers has started the mural application process for the Big Shanty Mural.
- Valerie Dibbles recognized KACC efforts in 2017 that were helping to create an environment where art is starting to blossom, including: the KSU/City partnership and the unveiling of the new benches at the Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History along with the upcoming projects at Gateway Park and City Hall Plaza; the Big Shanty Festival Mural/Exhibit; Dinner at the Depot family activities and performances; and Free Art Friday Kennesaw (#FAFKennesaw), among other activities. She also mentioned the Grand Opening of the Red Onion Press and encouraged everyone to attend.

- Darryl Simmons added how the activities of the arts and culture commission were having an impact on economic development, noting the new businesses that were opening in downtown Kennesaw as well as the opening of the Red Onion Press, a non-profit arts organization.
- Carol Sills brought up Kim Meacham's art exhibit at The Gallery in Powder Springs, which led to a discussion of potential art exhibition spaces in Kennesaw, such as the Carrie House and Ben Robinson Community Center as well as the possibility of ongoing exhibitions at The Venue on Main that the KACC could help organize and coordinate.

-Public comments/questions:

- Tanju (TJ) Bayramoglu, The Maker Station, was invited by Jessy Patterson to provide an overview of The Maker Station, which is a non-profit, collaborative, shared workspace located in Marietta. The Maker Space offers a range of equipment for use including: Computers, 3D Printers, Laser Cutter, Root 2 CNC Multitool Router, Silhouette Portrait Paper/Vinyl Cutter, and a wide range of power, hand, and crafting tools, among many others listed on their website and is a valuable resource for Smyrna, Marietta, Kennesaw, Acworth, and surrounding metro areas.
- Joe Bozeman, Historic Preservation Commission complimented the railroad spike inspired benches that were installed at the Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History but was puzzled by the other bench design, which was then explained to him represented a stylized railroad tool.

-Adjournment: Jessie Blowers moved, Chris Dziejowski seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm. Motion carried 6-0-0. The Commission will meet next on Thursday, December 21, 2017, at 6:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, 2529 J.O. Stephenson Ave., Kennesaw, Georgia, 30144.

Submitted by Kim Meacham, Secretary