



Kennesaw Art and Culture Commission

Jessie Blowers, Chair
Valerie Dibble, Vice Chair
Kim Meacham, Secretary
Clemens Bak
Jessy Patterson
Carol Sills

Art and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2018

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 6:34 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2529 J.O. Stephenson Ave., Kennesaw, Georgia, 30144.

- **Commission members present:** Clemens Bak, Jessie Blowers, Valerie Dibble, 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 six (6).

- **Commission members absent:** All members were present.

- **City representatives and Guests in attendance:** Darryl Simmons (Planning and Zoning Administrator), and David Blinkhorn (City Council Liaison).

- **Guests in attendance:** Joe Bozeman, Kennesaw Historical Society; Karen Backus.

- **Adoption of November 16, 2017, minutes:** Valerie Dibble moved, Kim Meacham seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0-0.

- **Election of officers for 2018:** Nominations were put forward and seconded for Jessie Blowers, Chair; Valerie Dibble, Vice Chair, and Kim Meacham, Secretary for 2018. Votes were unanimous.

- **Appointment of Mr. Clemens Bak:** Darryl Simmons introduced and welcomed Clemens Bak to the commission. Clemens expressed his appreciation and excitement at being involved in arts and culture planning and activities in Kennesaw.

- **Master plan update**

- Darryl Simmons indicated that he and Kim Meacham have been working on the Master Plan, which is 95% complete.

- Work continues on the remaining open items; the final draft should be ready for review by commission members by the February meeting.

- Mural Update

- Darryl Simmons provided the mural timeline:
 - February 12, 1PM: Preliminary designs reviewed by commission members at KSU
 - February 15, 6:30PM: Commission members will vote on designs during the regular meeting (it was suggested that we selected 2-3 designs to be installed over the course of the entire year)
 - February 20, 8AM: The selected mural design(s) will be presented to the Kennesaw Historic Preservation Commission
 - March 5, 6:30PM: The selected mural design(s) will be presented to the Mayor and City Council
- Darryl Simmons indicated that the application was valid for up to 60 days and could be extended to cover the timeframe.
- Jessie Blowers is meeting with Kristine Hwang, Associate Professor, Graphic Communications, Kennesaw State University and her class onsite at The Venue on Main to answer any questions regarding the site.
- Jessie Blowers stated in addition to the mural designs, the class is also creating designs for t-shirts, stickers, posters, and other materials as appropriate. Commission members will determine what to order at the next meeting.
- Jessie Blowers and Valerie Dibble have spoken to a mural artist who will manage and oversee the installation process. The rate is \$100/hour, \$500/half day, or \$1,000 for a full day. The mural artist also offered to speak to Kristine Hwang's class regarding recommended drawing specs (overlay, etc.) to ensure the mural's professional installation.
- Jessie Blowers will verify with High Stakes Digital regarding the charges for black/white printing and color printing. She indicated that the instructions for the project were for the designs to work in both color and grayscale.
- David Blinkhorn inquired about the guidelines that were provided to Kristine Hwang's class. Jessie Blowers stated she completed a detailed questionnaire and explained the additional information she provided to the class, which included: the site location, historic building concerns, dimensions 13' x 30'; the City's history, present development activities, and public art goals for the future; good use of space, color and grayscale versions, and the potentials for an interactive feature for photo ops and also a projector to enhance the mural after dark.
- David Blinkhorn also asked about the artist's background and experience. He indicated the need for a written scope and asked whether there would be any guarantees / warranties regarding the duration of the mural. Jessie Blowers will discuss these items with the mural artist.
- Jessie Blowers also discussed displaying the student's projects during The Big Shanty Festival; several ideas were discussed – display just the designs, an evolution of the project

design process, ask the students to be present during the festival to answer questions – the final display option will be determined at a later date.

- Website Development Update

- Jessie Blowers indicated that Crystal Newberry, the KACC intern, had completed the update to the website's About page.
- Jessie Blowers relayed Crystal's suggestion that we add bios for the commission members to the website; commission members agreed to forward short, 1-paragraph bios.
- Jessie Blowers also relayed Crystal's concern about the copyright for photos provided by the City for use in the Master Plan and on the website. David Blinkhorn along with other commission members explained that for the type of photos, there were no legal issues.

- Other

- David Blinkhorn, the KACC's new City Council Liaison, introduced himself and expressed his excitement to be working with the KACC to support public art in Kennesaw.
- Clemens Bak extended a special invitation to commission members to the reception and demonstration of the newly restored "Old Stilesboro Press" to be held on January 28 from 3-6PM at the Red Onion Press.
- Jessy Patterson announced the upcoming *Inspired by the HeART* exhibition that features artwork by Cobb County students with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities. This annual exhibit is coordinated by Cobb County art teachers and hosted by The Art Station-Big Shanty. The opening reception is February 15 from 6-8pm and the show will run from February 13 – March 9.

- Public comments/questions:

- Joe Bozeman, Kennesaw Historical Society invited KACC members to the upcoming presentation "A Brief History of Kennesaw Georgia", presented by Andrew Bramlett, Kennesaw Historical Society Vice Pres, Cemetery Preservation Commission on Saturday, February 3, 2018
- Karen Backus submitted her application to serve on the KACC and spoke briefly with commission members. She will be appointed at the February meeting.

- Adjournment: Jessie Blowers moved, Valerie Dibble seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm. Motion carried 6-0-0. The Commission will meet next on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at 6:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, 2529 J.O. Stephenson Ave., Kennesaw, Georgia, 30144.

Submitted by Kim Meacham, Secretary