



## *Kennesaw Art and Culture Commission*

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

### **Art and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes**

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March 21, 2019

6:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

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Commission Chair Karen Backus called the meeting of the City of Kennesaw Art and Culture Commission to order at 6:32 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2529 J.O. Stephenson Ave., Kennesaw, Georgia, 30144.

- **Commission members present:** Karen Backus, Clemens Bak, Valerie Dibble, Kim Meacham, and Jessy Patterson. Five (5) Commission members were present (four members are needed to establish a quorum). The total number of Commissioners is seven (7).

- **Commission members absent:** Jessie Blowers, Carol Sills.

- **City representatives in attendance:** Darryl Simmons (Planning and Zoning Administrator) and Amanda Glass (City of Kennesaw, Recreation Division Manager).

- **Guests in attendance:** Joe Bozeman, member of the Cemetery Preservation Commission.

- **Adoption of February 21, 2019, minutes:** Jessy Patterson motioned, Clemens Bak seconded, to adopt the minutes with a friendly amendment to page three. Motion carried 3-0-0.

#### **- Financial Report**

- Darryl Simmons provided a budget update. Motion to approve the financial report made by Valerie Dibble, seconded by Jessica Patterson. Motion carried 4-0-0

#### **- Art Contest for GA Cities Week**

- Details of the Art Contest were reviewed.
- Kim Meacham and Valerie Dibble volunteered to judge the submissions

- The KACC will help advertise the contest on their Facebook page and by passing out flyers during the Big Shanty Festival; the City will provide the flyers.

#### **- Update on KSU Master Craftsman Projects**

- Darryl Simmons reported:
  - Manhole Covers – Round 1: there was a great turnout for the ribbon cutting. It was wonderful to meet the artists and talk with them about their designs.
  - Manhole Covers – Round 2: the next round of manhole covers is in process with the City Art committee reviewing the KSU student design submissions. Karen Backus is part of the City Art committee and shared the designs under consideration.
  - Bench Designs: More benches for the City Plaza are being designed. Karen Backus shared the designs under consideration by the City Art committee.
  - Sundial: The Sundial for Gateway Park is in production.

#### **- Big Shanty Festival Planning**

- Schedule: the sign-up sheet was circulated. Dates / Times: Saturday, April 13, 10AM – 6PM and Sunday, April 14, 12PM – 5PM, plus set-up Friday, April 12 and break-down Sunday. Several slots are still open. Various student volunteer possibilities were discussed and will be pursued: KSU sign up portal, North Cobb ROTC, West Cobb Rocks group (not available); Karen will coordinate.
- Survey: Jessy Patterson explained the marble survey that will be used to gather community input on Public Art places and projects. 5 different containers will be set up representing 5 potential places (such as Depot Park, etc.) and 5 different colors of marbles will be types of projects (such as performances, murals, etc.). People will select one color marble representing a project and place it in the container representing the place they prefer.
- Art Exhibit: Clemens Bak and Valerie Dibble recommended adding an art display. Clemens suggested using wire grids, which The Red Onion is able to lend to the KACC for the Big Shanty Festival. Commissioners were asked to reach out to their contacts for small pieces of art to display, no larger than 12"x12". Commissioners need to plan and coordinate art drop-off and pick-up.
- Social Media Goals: Karen Backus discussed increasing our social media following by offering incentives to encourage people to sign up on Facebook, etc. Suggestions to contact downtown merchants and other local businesses for donations were also discussed. An interactive back-drop will be displayed, such as wings, that people can use to take selfies and encouraged to post using #kennesawart.
- Activities: Several activities are planned. Kim Meacham will offer STEAM or collaborative art project Saturday; Marbleized Easter Eggs will be offered by Jessy Patterson, Karen Backus, and Carol Sills on both days, Clemens Bak will offer Easter Egg printing on Sunday.

- Supplies: Kim Meacham put together a budget of estimate expenses, which was reviewed and discussed by commissioners. Valerie Dibble motioned, Kim Meacham seconded for up to \$450 to be spent to cover activity and printing costs for the Big Shanty Festival. Votes were unanimous.
- Karen Backus presented name tag quotes that Crystal Newberry had gathered for the KACC. The goal is to have the name tags ready in time for the Big Shanty Festival. Clemens Bak motioned, Valerie Dibble seconded for up to \$100 to be spent on name tags at Mike's Trophies and Awards. Votes were unanimous.
- There was a reminder for commissioners to wear a purple shirt.

**- Art Master Plan Community Forum Updates:**

- Dates: Karen Backus confirmed that the Community Forums would be held May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8:00PM at the Ben Robertson Community Center in the large meeting room.
- Performance: Jessy Patterson reached out to the Kennesaw Mountain Drama Department; they are willing to perform at our May 7 public hearing. Other options for May 14<sup>th</sup> were discussed. Jessy Patterson will reach out to the Durham Fiddlers and Karen Backus will reach out to East Cobb Rocks.
- Presentation: Karen Backus will present the Master Plan Overview. Amanda Glass suggested KACC do a test run of the laptop, projector and screen; Kim Meacham will provide her laptop.
- Survey: the marble survey will again be put out to gather community input.
- Commissioners reviewed their earlier decision to provide a \$75 honorarium to performers. Kim Meacham motioned, Jessy Patterson seconded for up to \$150 to be spent on the performers, for May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> (up to \$75 per date). Votes were unanimous.
- Karen Backus will spearhead the media / social media campaign for the community engagement forums. She will write and submit an article to Brightside by Friday.
- Darryl Simmons indicated that the Master Plan would be available on line for the community to review and comment on. Kim Meacham will send the final copy to Darryl.

**- Dinner at the Depot Planning:**

- Dinner at the Depot will run May through August this year. The KACC will continue to be there on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month and the sign-up sheet was passed around.: 5/20 (Kim Meacham), 6/17, 7/15, and 8/19.

**- Public comments/questions:** there were no public comments.

**- Adjournment:** Karen Backus moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m., Jessy Patterson seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0. The Commission will meet next on Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 6:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, 2529 J.O. Stephenson Ave., Kennesaw, Georgia, 30144.

Submitted by Kim Meacham, Secretary