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Daniel Barnard – Secretary,  
Kim Meacham, Abigail Hicks  
Valerie Dibble, and Amy Davis

## KENNESAW ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION (KACC)

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September 16, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.

Meeting Minutes

City Council Chambers

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City Staff Liaison Darryl Simmons called the meeting of the City of Kennesaw Art and Culture Commission to order at 6:38 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 2529 J.O. Stephenson Ave, Kennesaw, GA.

**-Commission Members Present:** Valerie Dibble, Amy Davis, Abigail Hicks, Kimberly Watkins, Madelyn Orochena and Daniel Barnard. Six (6) Commission members present (four [4] needed to establish a quorum). The total number of members is seven (7).

**-Commission Members Absent:** Kim Meacham

**-City Representatives in Attendance:** Tanyel Aviles - City of Kennesaw, Darryl Simmons - City of Kennesaw, Vanita Keswani, Smith-Gilbert Gardens

**-Guest in attendance:** William Calhoun

**-Adoption of August 19th, 2021, minutes:**

- The Commission reviewed and looked over the meeting minutes from the previous Arts and Culture Meeting, August 19th.
  - Amy Davis motioned, Abigail Hicks second, to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**-Financial Report and Discussion of 2020 budget:**

- The Commission has agreed to defer approving the financial report as there is a wait on a few matters, one of which is hearing back from City Staff member Luke Howe, in regards to the budget increase.

**-Edible Birdhouses - Healthier You**

- Abigail Hicks has updated the Commission on the budget in regards to the Edible Birdhouses - Healthier You project. She will draw most of the supplies from Hobby Lobby and the Tractor Supply Store.
- Abigail has stated she will wait until after September to purchase the supplies, in order to draw from next fiscal year's budget.

- The Commission has also slated a \$120 (One hundred and Twenty dollar) budget for the Edible Birdhouse project. The vote on this will be held during the next meeting.

#### **-Garden Art Poles:**

- Madelyn Orochena has updated the Commission on the status of the Garden Art Poles Phase 3 applications. So far, there have not been any new applications, but the Commission is working on putting the word out there to gain more traction.

#### **-Kennesaw City Holiday Market:**

- Kimberly Watkins updated the Commission on the Holiday Market endeavor. The Market is being facilitated by the KDA and the KACC - KACC is tasked with finding artists and spreading the word, to accrue more interest in an arts centered market.
- The application process will be completed soon and will be posted online. The KACC will post the application as well.
  - Amy Davis mentioned getting the word out to those who participated in the Pottery Market the City had held in the past.
  - The Market will have 30 - 40 tents and nominal fee will be required.

#### **-Painted Pianos:**

- Valerie Dibble has purchased some paint and supplies for the painted Piano Project.
- Piano 1 will be placed in the Ben Robertson Community Center.
- The Commission is discussing changing the theme to Piano 1 as the piano is slated to be installed at the Ben Robertson Community Center, and that location is being converted to be more arts and culture oriented, as a new community center is being constructed for sports.
  - The Commission will vote on designs once new material is brought up to look at.

#### **-Painted Owls**

- Valerie Dibble has already purchased supplies for this project, and is working with her students and students from the School of Art and Design to get the Owls made. The project will start soon for SOAAD classes, and is slated to have 48 (forty-eight) owls by the projects' end.
- The timeline for the project is from October 16th to the 27th, and location is set to be near or around Depot Park.
- Madelyn Orochena will get with Kim Meacham in regards to specifics on the Painted Owls Project, as Kim has more information.

#### **-Trellis Project:**

- Kimberly Watkins is wrapping up work on the trellises to get them installed, along with further decorating.

- The install locations will be the Library and Swift-Cantrell Park.
  - Kimberly asked the Commission if she should consider changing the theme of the trellises to match the season.
  - Madelyn Orochena mentioned that the Commission could store the trellises temporarily between displays, and update the theme to match the seasonal aesthetic as needed. She also mentioned this would be a good opportunity for social media promotion as well.
- Budget of \$10 (ten dollars) will be added, stemming from the 2022 fiscal year. Motion by Kimberly Watkins, second by Valerie Dibble. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Scarecrow on Main Project:**

- Kimberly Watkins suggested that the KACC participate in the Scarecrows on the Main event that the City holds.
- Kimberly mentioned that the Commission could either buy a pre-constructed scarecrow or create one. The Commission is looking to utilize artistic themes and presentations.
- Kimberly Watkins already has a project proposal in place to submit to kick-start the project.
- The Scarecrow Project Budget is set at \$55 (fifty-five dollars). Motion by Abigail Hicks, second by Kimberly Watkins. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Business Cards/Invoices & Reimbursements:**

- Tanyel Aviles has presented the business cards prototypes that are set to be printed. The Commission has agreed they are good to go minus a few minor changes.
  - Tanyel said she will get the business cards pushed through to be printed.
- All finances have been accounted for and the budget has been cleared out for the fiscal year.
  - Kimberly Watkins has brought up the email and that there does not seem to be a point of access for it. Tanyel Aviles said she will work on getting this sorted through.

### **2022 Projects:**

- Amy Davis wants to initiate the Tellers Project, a spoken word endeavor involving the KSU Tellers. This project will help provide more performance art-oriented work.
- Locations being discussed for this project:
  - Tunnel between Main Street and Depot Park.
  - Depot Park Amphitheater.
  - Mini amphitheater.
  - Business location across from El Taco Azteca.
  - Smith-Gilbert Gardens.
- Darryl Simmons updated the Commission that the Amphitheater for Depot Park is priority number one (1) at the moment.
- Kimberly Watkins mentioned that moving into 2022, the Commission should look towards more permanent projects and sculptures.

## **Public Comments**

- William Calhoun - Abigail Hicks found this mural artist and invited him to the meeting. Calhoun is a Kennesaw resident and an artist who works in mural, graphic design, illustration, and theater. The commission is interested in working with Calhoun for potential mural projects in the future.
- Madelyn Orochena mentioned Erica Blackmon who came to the Commission not too long ago, looking for guidance and advice about getting a mural as well.
  - Darryl Simmons suggested that the Commission avoid initiating any murals or projects that involve any historical properties, in that would allow for more freedom and movement with projects. Historical properties are on the Historical Preservation list and thus would need to pass through the Kennesaw Historical Society for approval first.
  - Darryl also mentioned that the Economic Development commission is looking to bring the film industry to Kennesaw as well.
- Amy Davis mentioned that the Commission should look into initiating the public art/mural resource guide that could be used by any businesses.

## **Adjournment**

- The Commission collectively decided for a meeting adjourned, Amy Davis motioned, Valerie Dibble second with 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm. The Commission will meet next October 21st, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.