



City of Kennesaw
2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue
Kennesaw, GA 30144

Madelyn Orochena - Chair,
Kimberly Watkins - Vice-Chair,
Daniel Barnard - Secretary,
Travice Baldwin Obas, Abigail Hicks
Chelsea Bodenhamer, Amy Davis

KENNESAW ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION (KACC)

January 20, 2022 – 5:30 P.M.	Meeting Minutes	City Hall – Council Chambers
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I. Call to Order/Roll Call

- Madelyn Orochena called the meeting of the City of Kennesaw Art and Culture Commission to order at 5:36 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 2529 J.O. Stephenson Ave, Kennesaw, GA.
- **Commission Members Present:** Kimberly Watkins, Madelyn Orochena, Travice Obas, Chelsea Bodenhamer and Daniel Barnard. Five (5) Commission members present (four needed to establish a quorum). The total number of members is seven (7).
- **Commission Members Absent:** Abigail Hicks and Amy Davis
- **City Representatives in Attendance:** Tanyel Aviles - City of Kennesaw, Darryl Simmons - City of Kennesaw, and Vanita Keswani - Smith-Gilbert Gardens.

II. Approval of Minutes – October 21, 2021

- The Commission reviewed and looked over the meeting minutes from the previous Arts and Culture Meeting, October 21st.
 - Kimberly Watkins motioned, Travice Obas seconded, to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

III. Financial Report

- City Staff Darryl Simmons presented and reviewed the financial budget up to the current timeline (January) for the Arts and Culture Commission. The final budget remaining in September stood at \$5,073 (Five thousand and seventy-three dollars), out of the total \$6,000 (six thousand dollar budget). \$6,000 (six-thousand dollars) budget allotted for the year 2022.
- \$927 (nine hundred and twenty-seven dollars) in expenditures thus far; \$385 (three hundred and eighty-five dollars) going towards the Marietta Fence Gallery show.
- Darryl Simmons updated the commission that he will get in touch with Luke Howe about budget matching, as well as the KDAA about potential budget matching.
- The Commission raised roughly \$1,700 - 1,800 (one thousand and seven hundred to one thousand and eight hundred dollars) in sales from the Parliament Owls project.

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- Financial report approval. Motion by Daniel Barnard, Seconded by Kimberly Watkins, Motion approved 5-0.
- Motion to renew the KBA membership and extend for another year. A \$95 (ninety-five dollars) fee. Travice Obas motioned, Kimberly Watkins seconded, motion carried 5-0.

IV. Welcome New Commissioners

- Travice Obas and Chelsea Bodenhamer join the commission as the new members, bringing the commission to seven (7) members as of January 20th, 2022.
- Kimberly Watkins created a welcome packet that details roles and duties, as well as project layouts and regular meetings. Kimberly walked through the guide to help introduce the new members to the committee.

V. Old Business

1. Painted Piano (I-II-III)

- Madelyn Orochena updated the commission that they will need to earmark a new project lead as Valerie Dibble is no longer on the commission.
- Kimberly Watkins walked through the project and described the process so far, to explain to the new members.
- Vanita Keswani informed the commission that the piano will need to be moved as space and availability to the current location is sparse. She suggested the commission work on moving the piano to the Ben Robertson, as that will be its final install location. She also stated that moving the piano prior to finishing the paint job may be a good idea to avoid any scuffing or scratches to the paint work.
- Darryl Simmons stated he will look into when the commission can get the piano over to the Ben Robertson.
- The commission discussed dates and times in which they may be able to meet up and complete the piano project
- Madelyn Orochena also updated the commission that she has found someone who is willing to tune and make any necessary repairs to the piano.

2. Pisano's Mural

- Vanita Keswani got in contact with two (2) high school art teachers and is working out the details to continue the mural projects and have students work on the second phase.
 - Looking at Harrison High School as a potential project partner.
 - Students would submit their designs for approval and processing the project.
 - The teachers of the high schools will put together estimated costs and quotes to help establish a financial input.

3. Trellis Project Update

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- Kimberly Watkins updates the commission that the Trellis project is on hold until spring time, in addition to acquiring more supplies for the project.
 - Kimberly is also looking to utilize the same locations that have been previously established.
4. Manhole Covers
 - Daniel Barnard is going to plan out a meeting with Page Burch and Valerie Dibble, as schedules permit.
 5. Ben Robertson Gallery Exhibit & Call to Artists
 - Kimberly Watkins has spoken with those in charge at the Ben Robertson about moving the gallery space to one particular room in the Center. The Center is looking into the logistics about using that space.
 6. Free Art Friday Kennesaw
 - Free Art Friday: website, Madelyn Orochena has updated the commission that both the Gallery and the Free Art Friday program are being managed by Kim Meacham. However, Kim has stated that she will transfer duties over to a new commission member, once one takes on the responsibilities.
 7. Kindness Rock Garden – Bench
 - Kimberly Watkins is putting out a call to schools to get students to help out with the project.
 - Madelyn Orochena updated the commission that there is a project outline detailing the process and specifics, that could be used to send to schools.
 - Chelsea Bodenhamer informed the commission that a lot of high schools have construction-design pathways, in which those programs could be potential avenues to getting the bench built.
 - Kimberly Watkins also mentioned the budgeting for the rocks.

VI. New Business

1. 2022/2023 Projects
 - Artist Discussion - Yehimi Cambrón
 - Vanita Keswani mentioned an artist named Yehimi Cambrón, who she has been speaking with. She is looking to start projects with Cambrón in the 2023 year. Yehimi Cambrón is a mural artist who utilizes themes immigration and communities.
 - Vanita wants the commission to consider speaking with this artist about opportunities in Kennesaw.

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- Vanita also mentioned that she will coordinate connecting the artist with the commission.

- Owl Project Donation
 - Latest sales estimates are set at \$1,937 (one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven dollars).
 - The commission is going to discuss percentages that can go towards the food bank donations.
 - Motion to approve the 20% (twenty percent) of the Owl sales revenue towards the food bank.
 - Kimberly Watkins motioned, Travice Obas seconded, motion carried 5-0.
- Sponsor Art Blooms
 - Vanita Keswani mentioned the potential for a KACC sponsorship for the Art Blooms and sculpture work.
 - Kimberly Watkins asked if the commission could take over the sculpture post Art Blooms project, as a piece to dedicate to the public for public sculpture.
 - Art Blooms project will initiate in April/May of this year.
 - Vanita mentioned that the commission will have to create a proposal if the commission wants to acquire a sculpture from the project.
 - Vanita also suggested that the commission go ahead and scout out potential sites for a sculpture, even if the commission does not end up getting one, but that this would be a great first step.
- Marietta Art Council's Fence Gallery
 - Vanita Keswani and Tanyel Aviles are going to speak with those in lead about communication, moving forward, and next year's show.
- 2022-2023 Calendar/Schedule
 - New meeting time for the KACC meetings, moving forward, will be set at 5:30 pm (five thirty).
 - Kimberly Watkins mentioned monthly retreats that would be held on the first Thursday of each month.

2. 2022 Budget

- Kimberly Watkins went over various budget concerns
 - Name tags and business cards for commission and new members.
 - People's Choice Art Show held at the Ben Robertson Gallery.
 - Owl sales and moving forward.
 - Valerie Dibble is finalizing the sales for the Owls.

VII. Officer Elections

- Chair - Madelyn Orochena is nominated by Kimberly Watkins. Votes set at 5-0.
 - Madelyn Orochena will remain Chair.

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- Vice Chair - Kimberly Watkins is nominated by Madelyn Orochena. Votes set at 5-0.
 - Kimberly Watkins will remain Vice Chair.
- Secretary - Daniel Barnard is nominated by Kimberly Watkins. Votes set at 5-0.
 - Daniel Barnard will remain Secretary.

VIII. Public Comments

- None

IX. Planning & Zoning Administrator Comments

- Darryl Simmons inquired with the commission about nominating a KACC member to serve on the Sister City commission as well. Andrew Gasparini is lead on the project.
 - Travice Obas mentioned volunteering for the Sister City commission role.

X. Adjourn

- The Commission collectively decided for a meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm. The Commission will meet next March 17th, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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