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Kim Meacham, Abigail Hicks
Valerie Dibble, and Amy Davis

KENNESAW ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION (KACC)

October 21, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.

Meeting Minutes

City Council Chambers

City Staff Liaison Tanyel Aviles called the meeting of the City of Kennesaw Art and Culture Commission to order at 6:36 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 2529 J.O. Stephenson Ave, Kennesaw, GA.

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

-Commission Members Absent: None

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

-Guest in attendance: None

-Adoption of September 16th, 2021, minutes:

- The Commission reviewed and looked over the meeting minutes from the previous Arts and Culture Meeting, September 16th.
 - Amy Davis motioned, Abigail Hicks second, to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

-Financial Report and Discussion of 2020 budget:

- City Staff, Darryl Simmons, presented and reviewed the financial budget up to September for the Arts and Culture Commission. The final budget remaining in September stood at \$22.98 (twenty-two dollars and ninety-eight cents), out of the total \$6,000 (six thousand dollar budget). \$6,000 (six-thousand dollars) budget is set for the year 2022.
 - Financial report approval. Motion by present Commission, approved 3-0.

-Garden Art Poles

- Madelyn Orochena updated the Commission on the status of the Phase 3, for the Garden Art Poles. The project stands at five (5) total poles; two (2) new entries since last meeting, one (1) new pole from interested entrant, and a KACC pole being discussed.

- Kimberly Watkins and Daniel Barnard will work to get designs and applications done for the KACC pole.
- \$100 (one hundred dollar) stipend for art poles will be waived for the KACC pole - no stipend needed.

-Painted Pianos

- Valerie Dibble is planning to knock out the Phase I Painted Piano in one (1) to two (2) work sessions. The Commission will coordinate when to plan out the sessions to complete the pianos project.
 - Valerie will coordinate and communicate with Bill from the Ben Robertson Community Center to establish color choice.
- Darryl Simmons mentioned utilizing the city worksheets to help plan out and coordinate time frames and project details, as well as acting as archives to help pitch and aid in later projects. These worksheets will also help staff to better understand the needs of the Commission and how the two (2) can work together.

-Painted Owls

- Valerie Dibble updated the commission that the Painted Owls are completed, minus a few from an additional class project at Kennesaw State University.
- The commission is working on a way to weigh the owls down for longevity and theft deterrence.
 - Could potentially weigh them down with sand to be filled into the owls.
 - Could also use a pole with the same diameter as the hole size on the owls to install.
- Commission also discussed what to do with the owls after the install project is complete. The group discussed possibly selling them at the Kennesaw Holiday Market.
- Motion to sell the Painted Owls at the price of \$40 (forty dollars) at the Kennesaw Holiday Market - Motion by Kimberly Watkins, Kim Meacham second. Motion carried at 7-0. This will be a fundraiser event for the commission, funds will go towards Commission and future projects.
- The Commission will need to go scout out for install Locations for the Painted Owls.
 - One possible location could be right in front of City Hall.
 - Tanyel Aviles offered to create a detailed timeline of the Painted Owls Project.
- Motion to set a budget for sand to use in weighing down the Owls set at \$100 (one hundred dollars). Motion set by Amy Davis, second by Kimberly Watkins. Motion carried 7-0.

-Smith-Gilbert Gardens - Healthier You

- Abbi Hicks updated the commission on the most recent Healthier You event at the Smith-Gilbert Gardens, the Edible Birdhouses. Total cost was set at \$79.25 (seventy-nine dollars and twenty-five cents).
- 16 (sixteen) total houses were made during this event.

- Vanita Keswani updated the commission that the Smith-Gilbert Gardens is looking for two (2) new Art Specialists that will add an extra connection and resource for the Gardens and the Commission.
 - Vanita also mentioned that the Gardens will be working with Allen Peterson, a professor at Kennesaw State, to create an event and a sculpture to be placed in the Gardens.

-Kennesaw Holiday Market

- Application for the Kennesaw Holiday market has been posted and the KACC has also shared the application post. Application will be open until November 1st
- Commission will also fill out a city worksheet to help categorize information regarding the Owls sale.

-Scarecrows on Main

- KACC scarecrow has been installed and posted, sturdy set up and looking good to go.

-Trellis Project

- Kimberly Watkins updated the commission on the Trellis Project, mentioning that she had to restock the flowers for the display
- Kimberly collected and organized the responses from the trellis flowers and categorized the information.
 - Kimberly organized the responses into a multitude of subjects, some of which differentiated whether the Commission or the City may or may not have a project similar to the suggestion.

-Business Cards

- Tanyel Aviles received the business cards and distributed them out to each of the Commission members.

-Manhole Covers, Phase 2

- Valerie Dibble and Daniel Barnard are coordinating with Page Burch as to when to meet to discuss another set of manhole covers.
- Darryl Simmons mentioned that the last set of manhole covers had financial help from the Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority, which if worked with again could help get the budget on the Commissions' end cut in half.

-Ben Robertson Fine Arts Gallery and Free Art Friday

- Kim Meacham updated the Commission that the Fine arts gallery is running smoothly and that a new show has been installed, showing until November 22nd. Additionally, the

Free Art Friday program is still running and going on, but she and two (2) others are the only ones contributing artwork and that they could use a few other artists.

-Kindness Rock Garden

- Kimberly Watkins is looking at potentially redesigning the layout of the garden and cleaning it up, as the artistic appeal is being lost due to surroundings.
- Motion to purchase more rocks set a budget of \$50 (fifty dollars). Motion set by Kim Meacham, second by Valerie Dibble.
 - The Commission is also still planning on building a bench to install at the Rock Garden.

-Mural Resource Packet

- Amy Davis compiled information from other cities and found that a lot of cities have set funds to establish murals, and that they will seek out artists.
- Kennesaw Historic Society would be a group heavily involved with any murals installed in the city.
 - Free standing murals would be the best route, especially starting, as these would face little push back
 - Commission would also need to discuss the length of time that the murals would be up.
 - City ordinances are set that help highlight some of the issues/roadblocks that have come up with this project.

-Marietta Art Council Fence Gallery

- Vanita Keswani has updated the Commission that Kennesaw will remain in the month of January. Vanita also approached the Commission about potentially becoming a sponsor of the Fence Gallery.
 - Vanita also suggested that the KACC could purchase their own panel to be displayed in the fence gallery, which could display information about the Commission and the role they play in various projects.
 - City sponsors usually pay around \$700 (seven hundred dollars) but going in with a partner could cut that in half at \$350 (three hundred and fifty dollars).
 - The Commission also discussed spreading the gallery out to more fence locations in the city; In front of City Hall and the Kennesaw Police Station.
- Motion to split the Fence Gallery City sponsor with Kennesaw Parks and Recreation, budget set at \$385 (three hundred and eighty-five dollars), not to exceed \$400 (four hundred dollars). Motion set by Kimberly Watkins, second by Abbi Hicks. Motion carried 7-0.

-Projects 2022-2023

- The Commission and City of Kennesaw discussed changing the meeting times to 5:30pm as opposed to the current 6:30pm.

- Funding for the Commission:
 - Fund Raising: Owls to be sold for the Kennesaw Holiday Market
 - Sponsorship with the city with the economic development
 - Developing an approach to bring to developers and businesses in terms of creating a partnership with economic development.
 - Signature Event: Regularly planned event that's main goal is to build funds and push our more community events. An event the KACC would put on.
 - The Commission discussed an event similar to Empty Bowls but potentially around the holidays and using mugs or cups, as opposed to bowls.
 - Darryl Simmons also mentioned that the Commission could kick start an initiative to start reaching out to the older populations in the surrounding areas, to distribute information and or offer art related classes.

Public Comments

- None.

Adjournment

- The Commission collectively decided for a meeting adjourned, Kimberly Watkins motioned, Abbi Hicks second with 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm. The Commission will meet next September 16th, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.