



**Clemens Bak, Chair**  
**Madelyn Orochena, Vice Chair**  
**Daniel Barnard, Secretary**  
**Valerie Dibble**  
**Carol Sills**  
**Lance Lewin**  
**Kim Meacham**

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

October 15th, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

City Staff Liaison Darryl Simmons called the meeting of the City of Kennesaw Art and Culture Commission to order at 6:36 p.m. via virtual meeting space Zoom.

- **Commission Members Present:** Valerie Dibble, Carol Sills, Madelyn Orochena, Kim Meacham, Lance Lewin, and Daniel Barnard. Six (6) Commission members present (four needed to establish a quorum). The total number of members is six (7).
- **Commission Members Absent:** Clemens Bak.
- **City Representatives in Attendance:** Darryl Simmons- Planning and Zoning, Amanda Glass- Recreations Division Manager.
- **Guest in Attendance:** Vanita Keswani- Cobb Arts Vibe and Smith Gilbert Gardens, and Erica Blackmon.
- **Adoption of September 17th, 2020, Minutes:** Lance Lewin motioned, Kim Meacham second, to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- **Financial Report and Discussion of 2020 Budget:**
  - o Darryl Simmons updated the commission on the budget with a remaining \$3,348 (three-thousand, three-hundred and forty-eight dollars), leaving 83.70% of total budget. Total expenditures sit at \$652.34 (six-hundred and fifty-two dollars and thirty-four cents).
  - o Financial Report adopted; Madelyn Orochena motioned, Lance Lewin second. Motion carried 6-0.
- **Project Reports/Commission Projects**

- **Art Poles Project and Discussion**

- Madelyn Orochena updated the commission with the information that Jennifer Horton is still waiting to hear back for approval on her end, working for the next phase of art poles to be placed with Town Center CID (Noonday Creek Trail).
- As for the external supplies needed for the current set of poles, Daniel Barnard and Darryl Simmons have agreed to meet to secure the metal caps, screws, and casting material needed to install the current art pole set (Swift Cantrell Park).
- Additionally, Daniel Barnard will meet with Amanda Glass to delivery and store the current set of five until ready for install.
- The Commission as a whole will devise a set of possible locations within Swift Cantrell, to potentially install the poles.

- **Gallery Updates (Ben Robertson Fine Arts Gallery)**

- Amanda Glass has updated the commission that the hanging system is in, but need to be put on hold to install until current renovations and projects at the Ben Robertson are complete.
- Additionally, Amanda mentioned that the commission could consider a special style of install brackets for the Gallery sign that would allow for some dimensionality.
- The commission also deliberated on where exactly to put the sign. One suggestion posited the shorter wall that would be visible upon reaching the reception desk. Another suggestion stated the longer wall to allow for more breathability.
- The next fine arts show to be in the Gallery may be put on hold due to current renovations, which may take the show schedule up into December.
- Madelyn Orochena motioned to hold off voting the sign placement, allowing commission members to make decisions, until the next meeting. Additionally, Madelyn suggested waiting until next meeting to decide the installation style (bracket installation) as well, as that would add to the expenditures. The agreed upon amount to not exceed has been set at \$300 (three-hundred dollars).
- Lance Lewin made a Motion, Kim Meacham Second. 6-0.

- **Music Near the City Tunnel**

- Lance Lewin updated the commission on a recent meeting he held with Clemens Bak, Amanda Glass, and guest David Suddeth.
- Meeting guest David Suddeth has a resume in venue space management and music event management.
- The meeting focused on initiating a new endeavor to get live music and performances in the public/outdoor city spaces around Kennesaw. A Primary focus was placed on the city tunnel space near the new Depot Park, and current amphitheater. The idea is to hold consistent and on-going events.
- Darryl Simmons made the suggestion that David Suddeth attend an upcoming Arts and Culture meeting, to allow the whole commission to meet him and learn more about his background.
- Amanda Glass made the suggestion that the commission consider getting either local businesses or the KBA involved, as the sponsorship aspect could help

alleviate some financial restraints the commission may face. Additionally, working alongside the businesses will help offer more performance space, and bring more business to Downtown Kennesaw.

- Kim Meacham suggested that multiple proposals be drawn up, detailing the various kinds of events that may be held, to help provide more documentation for potential partners.

- **Public Comments/Questions:**

- Meeting guest Erica Blackmon presented the commission with a potential project, involving her local business in automotive.
- Erica is looking to get a mural painted on the side of business's building, and was hoping the commission could help steer the project or lead into the right direction.
- Daniel Barnard suggested that a call for artists be drawn up and put out there to help kick-start the project.
- Erica asked about materials and costs associated with the project, but the commission informed her that artists would typically be familiar with materials and would work with the businesses.

- **Adjournment**

- Kim Meacham motioned to adjourn meeting, Valerie Dibble second. 6-0, meeting adjourned at 7:38pm. The Commission will meet next November 19th, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via virtual meeting space Zoom.