

Public Arts Committee Meeting

Theodore D. Washington Municipal Building, Henry “Emmett” McCracken Jr. Council Chambers, 20
Bridge Street, Bluffton, SC

September 24, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott called the meeting to order at 4pm.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairperson Pearce Scott

Vice Chair Jamie Gall

Bevan Bowler

Pam Davis

Maria Hooper

ABSENT

Rockelle Henderson

Deidre Young

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. August 27, 2024 Minutes

Vice Chair Gall made a motion to adopt the minutes.

Seconded by Bowler.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Scott, Vice Chair Gall, Bowler, Davis, Hooper

All were in favor and the motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Selection and Recommendation to Council of a Public Art Proposal for the Squire Pope House Property - Mark Maxwell, Special Projects Manager

Staff reviewed the submittals that were presented at the August meeting. The Committee reviewed the budget and timeline of production for the submittals.

Bowler made a motion to recommend to Town Council to approve the submittal from Brandy Scholl with the additional recommendation that the engraved river be of neutral color.

Seconded by Vice Chair Gall.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Scott, Vice Chair Gall, Bowler, Davis, Hooper

All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. Selection and Recommendation to Council of a Public Art Proposal for the Oyster Factory Park - Mark Maxwell, Special Projects Manager

Staff reviewed the submittals and the parameters given to the artists.

Davis made a motion to request additional concepts for consideration.

Seconded by Vice Chair Gall.

Voting Nay: Chairperson Scott, Vice Chair Gall, Bowler, Davis, Hooper

The motion failed.

The Committee discussed the submittals. There was discussion about seeking new submittals and what parameters would need to be given to artists. There was discussion about the safety of the art pieces and the possibility of the installation being interactive.

Vice Chair Gall made a motion to table the item until the October meeting and for each committee member to send their description of Oyster Factory Park and parameters to staff no later than October 13, 2024.

Seconded by Bowler.

There was discussion about the location of where the art installation would be put in the Oyster Factory Park. Staff suggested that the committee sends their requested medium and palette when submitting their parameters.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Scott, Vice Chair Gall, Bowler, Davis, Hooper

All were in favor and the motion to table was passed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. DISCUSSION

There was discussion about the process of presentations at the September meeting. The Committee asked for more education on the expectations of the Committee and rules of procedure when voting on submittals. There was discussion about having evaluation criteria.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Davis made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Hooper.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Scott, Vice Chair Gall, Bowler, Davis, Hooper

All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:09pm.