

Public Arts Committee Meeting

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

May 27, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott called the meeting to order at 4pm.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairperson Pearce Scott

Vice Chair Jamie Gall

Brynne Bowler

Rockelle Henderson

Maria Hooper

ABSENT

Pam Davis

Theodoshia Major

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. April 29, 2025 Minutes

Vice Chair Gall made a motion to adopt the minutes as submitted.

Seconded by Hooper.

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

All were in favor and the motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of Buckwalter Place Park and Potential Locations for Public Art – Pat Rooney, Capital Improvements Program Manager

Staff reviewed the location for potential art installations at the Buckwalter Place Park. The Committee will come back to the next meeting with what each member envisions at the site. The timeline for the project was discussed. There was no vote taken.

2. Selection of Student Art for Welcome Center Display - Chris Forster, Assistant Town Manager

Staff reviewed the art submissions from students at Cross Schools, Bluffton High School and May River High School. There was discussion about the size and media type of each submittal. The Committee recommended having a consistency in framing and matting for sizing.

Vice Chair Gall made a motion to accept all six submissions and for each submittal to have professional matting and framing and to have all necessary release forms.

Seconded by Bowler.

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

All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. Review of South Carolina Cultural Arts District Requirements - Chris Forster, Assistant Town Manager

Staff reviewed the requirements for the application process.

Hooper made a motion to have staff start the application process to reapply for the South Carolina Cultural Arts District.

Seconded by Vice Chair Gall.

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

All were in favor and the motion passed.

VII. DISCUSSION

Staff provided an update on various projects:

1. The Squire Pope Carriage House art installation has a manufacturing delay with a projected completion date of August.
2. The wrap for the electrical box at the splash pad is in production.
3. The Juneteenth banners were delivered last week and will be installed at the beginning of June.
4. The contract with Wesley Clark for the Oyster Factory Park installation has been executed by both parties.
5. The New Riverside Barn Park solicitation has been posted.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Gall made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Henderson.

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

All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.