

Public Arts Committee Meeting

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

March 26, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott called the meeting to order at 4:10pm.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairperson Pearce Scott
Rockelle Henderson
Bevan Bowler
Maria Hooper
Pam Davis

ABSENT

Vice Chair Jamie Gall
Deidre Young

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Hooper made a motion to adopt the agenda.

Seconded by Davis.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Scott, Henderson, Bowler, Hooper, Davis

All were in favor and the motion passed.

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Hooper made a motion to adopt the minutes with the revision of Rockelle Henderson being marked absent and a misprint on the third page.

Seconded by Davis.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Scott, Henderson, Bowler, Hooper, Davis

All were in favor and the motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Public Art Benches at Buckwalter Amphitheater Park

The Committee asked if the benches presented had seating on both sides to maximize use. There was discussion if the current benches could be reused either in the current park or another Town location. When reviewing what the artist would be doing, there were questions about a stipend for the artists, if should there be a competition held to pick the artist to paint the benches or if it should be a school competition and the winning students collaborate with an artist to paint the student's designs. The Committee then debated if the project should be benches. Shade structures

were brought up as another option. Staff discussed the plan for shade sails in future years for the parks. Staff reviewed next steps.

Staff Update on Open Call for Artist Roster

Staff reviewed demographics on the artist's applications that were received for the roster. The Committee asked if a Request for Proposal would have to be put out for projects or if the roster eliminated that step. There was a request to add "How Did You Hear About This" on the next search questionnaire.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Palmetto Breeze Bus Wrap Update

Staff discussed the conversations had with Palmetto Breeze regarding the possibility of putting together bus wraps. The Committee asked about how long the wraps lasted on the buses and then discussed the cost, possible designs and the routes of the Bluffton buses.

VIII. DISCUSSION

Staff reviewed the current and proposed budget totals. Davis discussed the "Competition of the Banners". Staff will send the link to the committee members. Bowler discussed concerns about vertical art obstructing the view from the Squire Pope Carriage House.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Hooper made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Henderson.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Scott, Henderson, Bowler, Hooper, Davis

All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:58pm.