

Public Arts Committee Meeting

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

November 18, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairperson Pearce Scott
Brynne Bowler
Rockelle Henderson
Pam Davis
Maria Hooper (Arrived at 4:02pm)

ABSENT

Vice Chair Jamie Gall
Theodosia Major

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. September 30, 2025 Minutes

Bowler made a motion to adopt the minutes as written.

Seconded by Henderson.

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

All were in favor and the motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Recommendation to Town Council to Support the Presentation of an Art Film Screening – Chris Forster, Assistant Town Manager

Staff presented the request and background to the Committee. Ms. Jillian Wood, the requestor, discussed the logistics and potential dates and locations.

Bowler made a motion for staff to further investigate cost, timing and location for the art film screening.

Seconded by Hooper.

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

All were in favor and the motion passed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a Kinetic Sculpture Art Donation from Jill Kanatzar - Mark Maxwell, Special Projects Manager

Staff presented and answered previous questions from the Committee. Locations that the donator requested the art piece be placed were reviewed.

Bowler made a motion to deny the art piece because of the requested location and for another location to be proposed.

Seconded by Hooper.

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

All were in favor and the motion passed. Staff will go back to Ms. Kanatzar to see if there is a different location for her donation.

2. Approval of 2026 Meeting Dates - Chris Forster, Assistant Town Manager

Hooper made a motion to adopt the 2026 meeting dates as presented.

Seconded by Bowler.

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

All were in favor and motion passed.

VII. DISCUSSION

1. Discussion of Grant Funding Request for Mural Project at 89 Bridge Street - Chris Forster, Assistant Town Manager

Staff reviewed the location and what direction the mural would face. The Committee asked about the sizing of the mural and wall and if amount requested was only for the mural or if it was the total including installation. Staff will continue to research the topic.

2. Discussion of Call for Public Art at Buckwalter Amphitheater Park - Felicia Roth, Director of Compliance and Contracts

Staff provided an update to previous questions. Staff asked for the Committee's artist recommendations.

There was discussion about how to work the art with the surrounding landscape. There was a decision for there to be an onsite meeting so the Committee could have an understanding of the park layout.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Davis made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Hooper.

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

All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.