

Public Arts Committee Meeting

Orlando Conference Room, 20 Bridge Street, Bluffton, SC

August 26, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairperson Pearce Scott

Brynne Bowler

Pam Davis

Theodosia Major

ABSENT

Vice Chair Jamie Gall

Rockelle Henderson

Maria Hooper

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. July 29, 2025 Minutes

Bowler made a motion to adopt the minutes as written.

Seconded by Davis.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Scott, Bowler, Davis, Major

All were in favor and the motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Approval of Cultural District Recertification Application - Chris Forster, Assistant Town Manager

Staff presented the draft recertification packet and the Committee provided feedback.

Bowler made a motion to approve the application as presented.

Seconded by Davis.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Scott, Bowler, Davis, Major

All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. Discussion and Approval of Public Art at New Riverside Barn Park - Michael McLaughlin, Artist

The artist, Michael McLaughlin, presented. McLaughlin discussed the pros and cons of the bronze and aluminum materials and the possible bases that could be used.

Bowler made a motion to accept Michael McLaughlin as the artist for the New Riverside Barn Park.

Seconded by Major.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Scott, Bowler, Davis, Major

All were in favor and the motion passed.

Bowler made a motion to choose the "Rabbit and Wren" submission with bronze as the material used.

Seconded by Major.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Scott, Bowler, Davis, Major

All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. Discussion on Call for Art at Amphitheater Park - Felicia Roth, Director of Compliance and Contracts

Staff will work with consultants to get site elevations. The committee discussed smaller sculpted pieces. There was discussion about what the location was known for in the area.

No action was taken by the committee. Staff will present at the next scheduled meeting.

VII. DISCUSSION

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Bowler made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Davis.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Scott, Bowler, Davis, Major

All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.