

Public Arts Committee Meeting

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

July 29, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Staff called the meeting to order at 4pm.

II. SPECIAL ELECTION

Bowler nominated Maria Hooper to act as Chair. Davis seconded.

Voting Yea: Bowler, Henderson, Davis, Hooper

All were in favor and the motion passed.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Brynne Bowler
Rockelle Henderson
Pam Davis
Maria Hooper

ABSENT

Chairperson Pearce Scott
Vice Chair Jamie Gall
Theodoshia Major

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. June 24, 2025 Minutes

Bowler made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented.

Seconded by Davis.

Voting Yea: Bowler, Henderson, Davis, Hooper

All were in favor and the motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Public Art Budget Update - Chris Forster, Assistant Town Manager

Staff reviewed the overall budget and each individual project. There was a question about changing project totals which have already been set.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Scope and Requirements for Art at Buckwalter Place Park - Pat Rooney, Capital Improvements Manager and Felicia Roth, Director of Compliance and Contracts

Staff and the Committee discussed possible locations for art.

Henderson made a motion to choose the site located south of the amphitheater.

Seconded by Bowler.

Voting Yea: Bowler, Henderson, Davis, Hooper

All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. Discussion and Selection of Public Art for New Riverside Barn Park - Felicia Roth, Director of Compliance and Contracts

Staff reviewed each submission and there was discussion about budgets, timelines, design guidelines and the primary uses of each park.

Bowler made a motion for staff to contact Michael McLaughlin for the New Riverside Barn Park and request colorized renderings with finish type and color and to provide a \$500 stipend.

Seconded by Henderson.

Voting Yea: Bowler, Henderson, Davis, Hooper

All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. Discussion of Public Art Proposal from Town of Bluffton Beautification Committee - Andrea Moreno, MS4 Program Manager and Larry Beckler, Director of Public Services

Staff presented. The Committee asked about storm drain locations and how to elaborate each painting or mosaic.

Henderson made a motion to recommend that the Public Arts Committee consider a storm drain marking program.

Seconded by Bowler.

Voting Yea: Bowler, Henderson, Davis, Hooper

All were in favor and the motion passed.

VIII. DISCUSSION

There was discussion about the timeline for student artwork at the Squire Pope Carriage House. With school being out for the summer, staff will be working teachers in the coming weeks.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Bowler made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Henderson.

Voting Yea: Bowler, Henderson, Davis, Hooper

All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:18pm.