



LAWRENCEVILLE

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LAWRENCEVILLE ARTS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, July 08, 2025
6:00 PM

Third Floor GwMA Conference Room
70 S. Clayton St, GA 30046

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM, recognizing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

Jasmine Jackson requested an addition to the agenda, adding Rreal Tacos mural to the agenda after Beren's Custard.

Motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Commission Member Chitwood, Seconded by Commission Member Walden.

Voting Yea: Commission Member Brooks, Commission Member Chitwood, Commission Member Walden, Commission Member Sanders

Voting Abstaining: Commission Member Hammond (arrived at 6:07 PM), Commission Member Spinks (arrived at 6:03 PM)

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the prior meeting minutes was made by Commission Member Sanders, Seconded by Commission Member Brooks.

Voting Yea: Commission Member Brooks, Commission Member Chitwood, Commission Member Walden, Commission Member Sanders

Voting Abstaining: Commission Member Hammond (arrived at 6:07 PM), Commission Member Spinks (arrived at 6:03 PM)

General Discussion

2. Beren's Custards Proposed Artwork

Beren's Custards Proposed Artwork: Mark and Deborah Beren joined the meeting to obtain additional feedback regarding their facade artwork previously submitted.

Casey Spinks arrived at 6:03 PM

Mark requested some additional direction on the fudge drip, asking for feedback to better understand what they could do differently. Jasmine added that adding a cone may work, but that the sprinkles did not really work in the downtown area. Comments offered by the group included the sprinkles resembling Christmas lights, the color brown did not seem right, maybe different sprinkle colors might help. The same type of fudge drip was painted on the inside, and that has more of a fluid motion than the facade.

Jennifer Hammond arrived at 6:07 PM

Several different ideas were discussed, and Mark and Deborah agreed to provide 2-3 additional options for consideration. They hope to have some versions prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Rreal Tacos Mural: Rreal Tacos provided their version of a mural that they would like to paint over Uncle Jack's existing mural on the building. Southlawn has given them permission to paint their logo. The logo they presented was discussed, as well as reviewing the other logos they have on their other businesses. The colors were discussed and it was determined that the version that was submitted would be approved.

Motion to approve the logo as presented was made by Commission Member Walden, Seconded by Commission Member Spinks.

Voting Yea: Commission Member Hammond, Commission Member Brooks, Commission Member Chitwood, Commission Member Walden, Commission Member Sanders, Commission Member Spinks

3. Budget Update

Jasmine Jackson provided an update to the budget. Capital Funds have been added from the 2026 budgeting process, bringing the total Capital Budget to \$151,582.63. This amount includes \$18,322.72, which is held by Explore Gwinnett. The roll up sign has not been completed yet, but the vendor is working on this and it should be ready for the next event. \$7,000 was transferred over to the Supply budget bringing the total back up to \$5,000. One goal for 2026 will be to strategically work with the Arts Commission funds and potentially find some small projects to work on, but mainly working on the Master Plan. Other locations have been identified art installations around the city, and different types of artwork were discussed.

The roundabouts were discussed and members asked for an update on the lawsuit that the City of Milton is currently navigating. The City is putting together a resolution in support of Milton, and at this time, the Arts Commission will not move forward with any art installation in the roundabouts. Honest Alley was discussed as a potential location for an art installation once that project begins moving forward, but it may be over a year before any art will be able to be installed in that area. The hotel should be opening next year and may hold some possible locations for art installations. The possibility of leasing sculpture was also discussed. Between now and the next meeting, members were asked to think of 3 things they want to accomplish this next year. As part of the Master Plan, the consultant would conduct community outreach to see what Lawrenceville residents would like to see.

4. Subcommittee Updates

Community Outreach: Casey will be the MC for Evening of the Arts, and 2 interns will assist. Jasmine provided the graphic for the roll up sign, indicating the picture shown will be updated. The QR code on the sign will bring people to the Arts Commission web page. Casey will send out an e-mail to the members to confirm details for the event, which will include information on the rain barrels and what time they will need to be there. The event starts at 4 PM, and the city will have tables and chairs for the Commission's booth. The actual event runs until 9 PM, but most will probably not need to stay the entire time. This event may move to the LAC at a later date.

Branding: There were no updates provided.

Grants and Funding: Aura-Leigh attending a meeting with South Arts. There is a grant of up to \$15,000 for an Arts Organization to partner with another organization of any kind that focuses on health, wellness and art, and the project would need to be ongoing, not a "once and done" art installation. Impact46 was mentioned as a possible partner, as well as the Hospital. A potential project would be completing more rain barrels and raffling them off. If the City receives the funds, then they would go to the general funds, however, it would show that the Arts Commission is able to generate funding.

5. Magnolias on Sweet Breeze Unveiling Plans

The mural is fully completed and an unveiling will take place on July 23rd at 10:00 am. The agenda was provided and giveaways were discussed. Jasmine will look into ordering fans that include the Arts Commission logo on one side, and a part of the mural on the other, and additional fans for Evening of the Arts.

Motion to approve Jasmine Jackson to purchase 500 fans with the purchase price not to exceed \$750 was made by Commission Member Brooks, Seconded by Commission Member Walden.

Voting Yea: Commission Member Hammond, Commission Member Brooks, Commission Member Chitwood, Commission Member Walden, Commission Member Sanders, Commission Member Spinks

A press release will go out for the unveiling, and additional speakers and attendees were discussed to include in the invitation.

6. Lawrenceville Arts Commission Master Plan Update

Aura-Leigh advised she still owes a list of everything that will be included in the RFP for the Master Plan to the members and has committed to getting that distributed to the members by next week.

Other Projects

Teresa will be contacted to come do a retouch to the Blooms mural. Some areas are getting faded with the water running down the wall. Teresa had a death in her family, so Jasmine will wait to contact her in August.

Aura-Leigh received an e-mail from J Peters with GGC. He has an expo about once a year, and this year it will take place on September 10th from 12-3. They are inviting vendors to meet students and this may be a good way to connect with the students. Give Pulse is the platform they use for volunteers and businesses can set up their own profile within this system. Jasmine will check with Lindsey to gain some additional input on availability from the Events team, however, they have an event that weekend that may make it difficult for the city to attend.

Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

Citizen Comments

Citizen Comments will be limited to two (2) minutes per person. The Arts Commission Board members will not respond to comments.

There were no citizen comments.

Final Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Commission Member Sanders, Seconded by Commission Member Hammond.

Voting Yea: Commission Member Hammond, Commission Member Brooks, Commission Member Chitwood, Commission Member Walden, Commission Member Sanders, Commission Member Spinks

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Minutes Signature

Aura-Leigh Sanders, Chairman

Jasmine Billings, Secretary