



LAWRENCEVILLE

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LAWRENCEVILLE ARTS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, October 22, 2020
6:00 PM

Council Assembly Room
70 S. Clayton St, GA 30046

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jasmine Billings at 6:00 PM recognizing a quorum with 5 of the 7 commission members present. Nancy Abuaisheh arrived at 6:01 PM.

PRESENT

Commission Member Bob Clark
Commission Member Katrina Fellows
Commission Member Alicia Chitwood
Commission Member Amber Walden
Commission Member Aura-Leigh Sanders
Commission Member Nancy Abuaisheh

ABSENT

Commission Member Alice Stone-Collins

Review and Approval of Operating Bylaws

1. Review and Approval of Operating Bylaws

Several housekeeping rules were reviewed by Jasmine Billings that included mask being required while moving around City Hall, meetings will begin on time when a quorum is present, one person will speak at a time, only the agenda and not the entire packet will be supplied to Commission members going forward to save on resources, the lower level

parking entrance will be the only point of entry going forward for safety reasons and Jasmine Billings will be the point of contact for the Commission members.

Jasmine Billings presented the Operating Bylaws document to the Commission members and briefly reviewed the overall document. Commission member Clark asked if we can include Roberts Rules of Order into the Rules and Procedures of the Bylaws.

Motion to approve the Operating Bylaws with Roberts Rules of Order added made by Commission Member Clark, Seconded by Commission Member Sanders.

Voting Yea: Commission Member Clark, Commission Member Fellows, Commission Member Chitwood, Commission Member Walden, Commission Member Sanders, Commission Member Abuaishah

Appointment of Officers

2. Commission Member Introductions

Commission members provided a brief introduction and background to the other members.

3. Appointment of Officers

Prior to the voting for officers, Jasmine Billings suggested an option for the Secretary/Treasurer positions, since this Board is strictly a Recommendation Board. Her suggestion was to combine those two positions and she would assume the role for both, but the members could vote however they wished.

Voting was tabulated and the results were: Commission Chairman - Aura-Leigh Sanders, Commission Vice-Chairman - Amber Walden, Treasurer/Secretary - Jasmine Billings.

Motion to approve the Appointment of Officers made by Commission Member Abuaishah, Seconded by Commission Member Fellows.

Voting Yea: Commission Member Clark, Commission Member Fellows, Commission Member Chitwood, Commission Member Walden, Commission Member Sanders, Commission Member Abuaishah

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented made by Commission Member Sanders, Seconded by Commission Member Walden.

Voting Yea: Commission Member Clark, Commission Member Fellows, Commission Member Chitwood, Commission Member Walden, Commission Member Sanders,

Commission Member Abuaishah

General Discussion

4. Overview of the Lawrenceville Arts Commission Operating Vision

The overview of the Lawrenceville Arts Commission Operating Vision was presented by Jasmine Billings. The Vision is taken directly from the Ordinance and Bylaws that were previously passed.

5. Overview of the Lawrenceville Art Commission Focus Area

Jasmine Billings presented the Focus Area that the Arts Commission will concentrate on for potential projects. The area can be expanded in the future. Commission member Fellows asked if it included the trail from GGC and was advised that area is not included in the area of focus, but can be added once that project is completed. Commission Member Sanders asked if the focus area was the same as the alcohol district, and Commission Member Clark advised that it was not all the same district. Knowing where the area of focus is and the alcohol district will help as they determine what projects to take on.

6. Presentation of Project for 157 North Perry Alleyway

Chad Smith with CAS Architecture presented the 157 North Perry Alleyway project to the Commission Members. Chad provided some background on how he chose to be an architect/artist and his experience. Chad is currently working on his own office space in downtown Lawrenceville, and provided a couple of art inspired ideas he will be incorporating into his space.

Chad presented several very different options for this area, which measures 12 feet wide by 80 feet long. Some ideas included ribbons hanging down, wire with mesh (Chad suggested looking up artist Janet Echelman), programable lighting to change the color throughout the seasons/holidays, working with the glass blower in town, a UV medium (Katrina Fellows will get more information on this). He asked the members to forward their ideas. Whatever lighting is used cannot be disorienting and Codes may need to be considered. Plants would really not be an option due to the age of the building and water sitting on the exterior walls due to limited sunlight. Wall art may not be possible due to a limited viewing angle and picture taking would be difficult. Since this was a shoe repair business for about 90 years, it may be possible to incorporate that into the design. An engineer will need to be used for lighting. The design plan may need to consider using items that are not easily vandalized.

7. Presentation of Project for The Depot District

Chad Smith with CAS Architecture presented the project for The Depot District. This project is intended to redirect oversized truck so they will not enter the downtown area, and will help make downtown more pedestrian friendly. This project will bring a more industrial feel to the

area by incorporating two overhead signs, possibly made out of iron, that will limit the vehicle size that can pass under them. Each sign will also be fitted with a "headache bar" which is designed to hit the top of the truck without damaging the actual sign.

Chad presented the group with several different versions of what this signage could look like. The final location will be determined on what roads the truck traffic will be diverted to, but S. Perry and Born St. or Maltbie Street are possible locations. There is a trash transfer station location on Maltbie Street that will need to be taking into consideration when determining the location of the signs.

Chad encouraged the Commission Members to drive the area to see where the potential areas are located.

Other Business

Commission Member Abuaisheh indicated that this will be a great time for public art due to the Virus, and the need for people to quarantine.

Citizens Comments

Comments will be limited to 2 minutes per person. Art Commission members will not respond to comments.

Final Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn was made by Commission Member Sanders, Seconded by Commission Member Clark.

Voting Yea: Commission Member Clark, Commission Member Fellows, Commission Member Chitwood, Commission Member Walden, Commission Member Sanders, Commission Member Abuaisheh

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.