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LAWRENCEVILLE ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES

Tuesday, May 12, 2026	Council Chambers Room
6:00 PM	70 S. Clayton St, GA 30046

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:59PM, recognizing a quorum. Absences: Hammond, Spinks, Stone-Collins

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commission Member Walden, Seconded by Commission Member Brooks.
Voting Yea: Commission Member Chitwood and Commission Member Sanders

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The March and April meeting minutes were unable to be approved due to insufficient attendance at those meetings. The Commission will revisit and determine a solution at a future meeting.

General Discussion

3. **Budget Update**
   Jasmine Jackson provided an update , reporting a remaining balance of $153,082.73. She also noted that the unconventional trash pin project, totaling approximately $1,500, is expected to be completed within the week.

4. **Permanent Art**

Jasmine shared updates regarding the Downtown Lawrenceville lettering project. She has been in discussions with multiple vendors regarding color options that align with the City's branding palette. One artist under consideration is playground-certified, allowing the sculptures to be

interactive in addition to decorative. Jasmine presented a variety of proposed colors, patterns, and design concepts.

The preliminary project estimate ranges between $58,000 and $63,000 for 3D lettering measuring approximately 6 feet high by 8 feet long, installed on a 12x12 concrete slab with sheet metal and powder-coated finishes. The City is coordinating with Facilities to confirm measurements and placement requirements.

Alice raised questions regarding future maintenance and how any potential issues with the installation would be addressed. It was discussed that additional information regarding thickness, structural integrity, and construction details would be provided once a final vendor is selected. Commissioners also discussed including maintenance responsibilities within the artist contract rather than assigning upkeep solely to the City.

Commissioners noted a typo in the proposed lettering dimensions and will contact the artist for clarification regarding the footage specifications. The artist estimated a project timeline of approximately 3–4 months from start to finish, depending on scale, location, and finish selections. The Commission expressed a goal of finalizing details by July in order to complete updates prior to the Christkindl Market in November.

The Commission expressed interest in pursuing both DTL lettering concepts, including an alternate aluminum option estimated at $12,500 with a projected completion timeline of 10–12 weeks. The Seven Sisters Fountain area was discussed as a possible installation location.

Motion

A motion was made to approve funding for both art installations totaling up to $17,000.

- Motion by Chitwood
- Second by Brooks
- Motion carried unanimously

Commissioners also noted the need to contact Jerome regarding funding opportunities for a permanent sculpture installation.

5. **Call for Artist Response**

Wesley reviewed responses received through the Call for Artists Google Form. He explained that artists were evaluated based on responses to required application questions and portfolio quality. More than 100 applications were received from both professional and student artists, including applicants as young as 10 years old.

Wesley highlighted several top candidates, including artist “Ducky” Brianna G., whose portfolio includes parking decks, power boxes, and other public art projects. Her work was described as quirky, vivid, and visually distinctive. Additional public art concepts discussed included crosswalks, bike racks, and enhancements to the bike lane along Grizzly Parkway to encourage increased usage.

Other Projects/Business

Jasmine reported receiving responses from two temporary artists she previously contacted. Their profiles will be reviewed by the Commission.

Aura-Leigh proposed maintaining the current officer seating arrangement throughout the remainder of the year due to the Commission not having a full meeting since January. The proposal included postponing officer elections until later in the year to allow for a smoother leadership transition process.

Walden proposed discussing a policy addressing commissioners who miss more than three meetings; however, it was noted that no such rule currently exists within the bylaws. The Commission agreed to review these matters further with the City Clerk's Office.

Officer Elections

The Commission voted on officer positions with the following results:

- Aura-Leigh renewed as Chair
- Amber renewed as Co-Chair
- Jasmine renewed as Secretary/Treasurer

Citizen Comments

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

- Adia Alicone introduced herself as an artist interested in participating in future projects. She shared information regarding her mural and individual artwork experience, including work completed with Cultura alongside Milo.
- Mira Sal, a certified instructor and artist, expressed interest in participating in future permanent sculpture projects.

Final Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Commission Member Walden, Seconded by Commission Member Brooks.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33PM.

Minutes Signature

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Aura-Leigh Sanders, Chairman

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Jasmine Jackson, Secretary