



LAWRENCEVILLE

GEORGIA

PUBLIC ARTS TASK FORCE MINUTES

Tuesday, June 04, 2019
6:00 PM

Council Assembly Room
70 S. Clayton St, GA 30046

Call to Order

Aura-Leigh Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT

Board Member Nancy Alhabashi
Board Member Marie Beiser
Board Member Alice Collins
Board Member Susan Sikes Davis
Board Member Bruce Johnson
Board Member Mike Reedy
Board Member Aura-Leigh Sanders
Board Member Amber Walden
Board Member Stewart Woodward

ABSENT

Board Member Julia Davis
Board Member Meg Earhart
Board Member Jaclyn Hoffman Faircloth
Board Member Tony Rodriguez

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve made by Board Member Reedy, Seconded by Board Member Woodward.

Voting Yea: Board Member Alhabashi, Board Member Beiser, Board Member Collins, Board Member Davis, Board Member Johnson, Board Member Reedy, Board Member Sanders, Board Member Walden, Board Member Woodward

Approval of Prior Minutes

Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2019

Motion to approve the amended minutes from May 7, 2019 was made by Board Member Beiser, Seconded by Board Member Walden.

Voting Yea: Board Member Alhabashi, Board Member Beiser, Board Member Collins, Board Member Davis, Board Member Johnson, Board Member Reedy, Board Member Sanders, Board Member Walden, Board Member Woodward

Task Force Business Items

Begin Development of the Arts Council Ordinance

The group was reminded of their Charge from the Mayor and City Council. The directive from Council is that the Art is to be visual art (murals, sculptures, any art that is placed in public view)

Several items were discussed that will need to be taking into consideration as they begin work on the Ordinance. One item will be setting a boundary they would like to work within, understanding that the boundary can be expanded at a later date. A map with the current boundary lines will be sent to the group.

Funding was a consideration and discussion regarding the 1% fee that Suwanee received for construction projects to fund their Art Council may have to be looked at in greater detail. It was not clear if this was for new development only or if it also included rehabs and expansions. Initial projects may involve the two local colleges that may be able to incorporate art projects as part of their classroom work, to be used on campus or downtown. The group agreed that artists should be paid for their work. Selling memberships was also suggested as a possibility of raising funds.

The number of committee members will need to be determined, whether the members will be compensated and determine the frequency of their meeting. Most Councils have 7 members.

Additional information will need to be collected, including looking at other city ordinances for additional guidance, including those cities that include colleges with art programs.

Motion to create a sub-committee, give them some direction so the basis of the ordinance can begin was made by Board Member Reedy, Seconded by Board Member Sanders.

Voting Yea: Board Member Alhabashi, Board Member Beiser, Board Member Collins, Board Member Davis, Board Member Johnson, Board Member Reedy, Board Member Sanders, Board Member Walden, Board Member Woodward

Mike Reedy, Aura-Leigh Sanders, Nancy Alhabashi and Amber Walden volunteered to be on the sub-committee.

Motion to accept the volunteers for the sub-committee made by Board Member Sanders, Seconded by Board Member Collins.

Voting Yea: Board Member Alhabashi, Board Member Beiser, Board Member Collins, Board Member Davis, Board Member Johnson, Board Member Reedy, Board Member Sanders, Board Member Walden, Board Member Woodward

The next meeting will be on July 2, 2019.

Other Business

There was no other business

Mike Reedy shared a possible project that they do in Griffin, Georgia. Traffic Control boxes are decorated and this could be something the students could design and could be a low to no cost project.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Sanders, Seconded by Board Member Woodward.

Voting Yea: Board Member Alhabashi, Board Member Beiser, Board Member Collins, Board Member Davis, Board Member Johnson, Board Member Reedy, Board Member Sanders, Board Member Walden, Board Member Woodward