



LAWRENCEVILLE

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LAWRENCEVILLE ARTS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 07, 2023
6:00 PM

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM, recognizing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commission Member Stone-Collins, Seconded by Commission Member Alhabashi.

Voting Yea: Commission Member Chitwood, Commission Member Stone-Collins, Commission Member Walden, Commission Member Alhabashi

Voting Abstaining: Commission Member Hammond (arrived at 6:13 PM)

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

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Voting Yea: Commission Member Chitwood, Commission Member Stone-Collins, Commission Member Walden, Commission Member Alhabashi

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General Discussion

2. Budget

Jasmine Billings presented the budget, and advised the group that there was some additional funding. Explore Gwinnett received the former Lawrenceville Tourism and Trade remaining funds that are earmarked for public arts. Explore Gwinnett will hold the funds and

pay out directly to a public art project. The additional funds bring the total available capital funds to \$261,322.72. The supply portion of the budget remains unchanged.

3. Committees Update

Amber Walden provided a Committees update. Members need to sign up for a committee and once everyone is signed up, she will provide another update. The City event calendar will help to determine what events will be a good fit for Lawrenceville Rocks. Free Comic Book Day that will be held at the Lawrenceville Arts Center may be a good fit, and they will need to work on how to get their supplies transported from the Lawn, and it is not know at this time if load in the day before will be possible. If information regarding the mural is available by then, they can distribute information to draw interest. Juneteenth, Prelude and some other events that they participated in last year would be events to continue to participate in. The Commission will highlight events they would like to participate in this year and will provide that information by the end of February, beginning of March. For the most part, the will stick to the events they participated in last year.

Jennifer Hammond arrived at 6:13 PM

The Car Show organizer has asked if the Arts Commission would like to donate rocks to paint at the car show, or some sort of paintable car shapes. Jasmine will work with the Community Outreach Committee members to determine what they will purchase to donate. Since the Car Show is the week before the Free Comic Book Day, they may just need to donate the items.

The Lantern Festival was also discussed and the group felt that Boo Fest would be a good fit. The set up was discussed and they will work with the Event Coordinator to get more information.

4. Crogan Mural

Jasmine Billings provided an update. She met with two artists and there were some additional questions. The mural will probably need to be changed or reworked to fit the new location, but can keep the spirit of the original design. The parameters provided for the original mural will still remain. The location will remain on the side of McCray's. Any new submissions will need to be received by the next meeting to allow time for approvals, McCray's input, and presentation at Work Session. We would look to hopefully begin this mural in May.

5. Community Mural Update

Two artists were chosen as a finalists for the Community Mural Project, and due to time constraints one artist made the decision to not accept the project. The Arts Commission reviewed the second artist's proposal, prior to her presentation at 7:00 PM, and discussed elements they would like to change, specifically the font for the Lawrenceville and the people in the mural.

Teresa arrived at 7:00 PM and presented her design to the group, showed which areas the public will be painting, how she came up with the design, and went over her proposal. She answered questions and will submit an updated design with silhouettes for people and an updated font for the word Lawrenceville, within the next week or so. She was advised of the process for the Commission approval, presentation to Council at Work Session, and Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) approval since it is their wall. She hoped to be able to begin this project in early May.

Other Business

Katrina Fellows reached out to The Hudgens Center for hosting Basil Watson, a local Lawrenceville artist, for Black History Month. His artwork will be shown on the downtown koisks and he will do a presentation on February 10th from 6-8 PM and an artist talk on Saturday from 12-3. Jasmine will forward this information to the group.

For the second year, Cultura will take place in October. Milo, Event Coordinator, would like the Arts Commission to have a live muralist along the square to paint a mural during this event. They may need to begin the mural prior to this event and then complete it during the event. This item can be added to the agenda for next month, and if they would like to move forward with this, they would need to start on planning as quickly as possible.

Citizen Comments

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

There were no citizen comments.

Final Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Commission Member Stone-Collins, Seconded by Commission Member Chitwood.

Voting Yea: Commission Member Hammond, Commission Member Chitwood, Commission Member Stone-Collins, Commission Member Walden, Commission Member Alhabashi

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM

Minutes Signature

Aura-Leigh Sanders, Chairman

Jasmine Billings, Secretary