

## Durham Cultural Advisory Board

### SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, February 17, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting

Public Meeting Zoom Link located: <https://durhamnc.gov/452/Durham-Cultural-Advisory-Board>

#### Durham Cultural Advisory Board Members Present

Daisy Calixtro, Student	Joseph Jordan	Katie Seiz**
Katy A. Clune, Vice-Chair	Angela Lee, Chair	* <i>Public Art Committee member</i>
E'Vonne Coleman	Ava Navarro, Student	** <i>Ex-officio, Cultural Advisory Board member</i>
Saira Estrada	Mason Pickett, Student	
Zena Howard	Lavesh Pritmani	
Tom Jaynes	Mitchell E. Sava	

#### City of Durham Staff and Representatives Present

Alexandra Benson, GSD	Pierce Freelon, City Councilmember	Stacey Poston
Rebecca Brown, GSD		Linda Salguero

#### Guests Present

Margaret DeMott	Sherry DeVries	Jim Lee
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#### I. Call to Order & Guest Introductions

- a. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM by Angela Lee.

#### II. Approval of Minutes – January 2021

- a. **MOTION:** The Durham Cultural Advisory Board approves the January summary minutes (Clune, Jordan 2nd)
- b. **ACTION:** Approved. (12-0).

#### III. Adjustments to the Agenda

- a. N/A

#### IV. Announcements

- a. DCAB Annual Report
  - i. The DCAB 2020 Annual Report will be presented to City Council as an Agenda Item at City Council's Work Session on Thursday, January 21 at 1:00 p.m., and at the City Council meeting on Monday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. DCAB members are invited to attend the open to the public meetings.

- b. Club Crossing Updates
  - i. Candy Carver has been selected as the finalist artist to install ground-plane designs at the location and is currently working with community members to refine the design.
- c. Durham Arts Council survey Small-Scale Arts Evaluation Results
  - i. The Durham Arts Council (DAC) released a survey including questions suggested by DCAB to assist in small-scale arts evaluation efforts. All 46 recipients of DAC's COVID grant relief program received the survey and all 46 responded to the survey. Notable findings include:
    - 1. Approximately \$10 million in reported revenue losses from the 46 arts organizations through December, insinuating a greater loss since then.
    - 2. Over 100 job positions plus several hundred contract positions from festivals and other performing arts venues lost
    - 3. Approximately \$8 million funding gap; DAC will continue to advocate for additional relief resources
    - 4. Fundraising, paying artists and staff adequately, and earned income are the biggest challenges for arts organizations in Durham
    - 5. 31 out of 46 organizations say yes the City/County should be talking about strategy around arts/culture
    - 6. Most organizations are hopeful/optimistic about being in existence in 5 years; only 2 reported a 50/50 chance

**V. Updates/Old Business**

- a. Budget for Festivals & Events for next fiscal year
  - i. \$195,000 has been recommended from the General Services General Fund for FY 21/22 Budget for approval by City Council.

**VI. New Business**

**a. 2020/2021 Goals**

- i. Goals:
  - 1. Lead community research to build a case for a new cultural master plan for Durham, incorporating the principles and ideals of the Independent Artist Proposal.
  - 2. Design and execute an advocacy approach for 2021 and 2022 to seek funding for a new cultural master plan for Durham.
  - 3. Develop sustainable strategies devoted to diversity, equity, and inclusion in the work of DCAB, with a particular focus on anti-racism and social justice.
- ii. Task Force Members:
  - 1. Research Cultural Master Plan

- a. Katy Clune (lead)
  - b. E'Vonne Coleman (lead)
  - c. Valerie Gillispie
  - d. Mitchell E. Sava
  - e. Ava Navarro
  - f. Daisy Calixtro
2. Funding Advocacy for Cultural Master Plan
    - a. E'Vonne Coleman
    - b. Tom Jaynes
    - c. Saira Estrada (lead)
    - d. Joseph Jordan (lead)
    - e. Daisy Calixtro
  3. Sustainable strategies devoted to diversity, equity and inclusion
    - a. Katie Seiz
    - b. Tom Jaynes (lead)
    - c. E'Vonne Coleman
    - d. Ava Navarro
    - e. Saira Estrada
- iii. **ACTION:** Adopt the revisions to the 2021 Durham Cultural Advisory Board's goals.
    1. (Coleman, Jaynes 2<sup>nd</sup>) 12-0.
  - iv. Each task force team has a designated folder within the Durham Cultural Advisory Board's Google Drive along with contact information sheets to stay connected with group members.
  - v. DCAB members with suggested questions for artist focus groups should direct questions to E'Vonne Coleman or Katy Clune. Virtual focus groups will take place sometime in March with no more than 8 people in a group.

**b. Calendar of Meetings**

- i. The Calendar of Meetings document outlines topics and governance items for the upcoming monthly meetings during 2021.
- ii. **ACTION:** Adopt the 2021 Calendar of Meetings.
  1. (Howard, Jordan 2<sup>nd</sup>) 12-0.

**c. Equity Training Follow-up Discussion**

- i. The Equity Training Follow-Up Discussion has been moved to the March meeting.

**VII. Public Questions**

- a. No questions were submitted by the public prior to this meeting.

**VIII. Adjournment**

- a. 4:30 p.m.



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Respectfully submitted,  
Alexandra Benson