

Durham Cultural Advisory Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 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

Shana Adams	Tom Jaynes	* <i>Public Art Committee member</i>
Daisy Calixtro, Student	Joseph Jordan	** <i>Ex-officio, Cultural Advisory Board member</i>
Katy A. Clune, Vice-Chair	Angela Lee, Chair	
E'Vonne Coleman	Mason Pickett, Student	
Valerie Gillespie	Katie Seiz**	
Marcus Hawley		

City of Durham Staff and Representatives Present

Summer Alston, GSD	Rebecca Brown, GSD	Pierce Freelon, Councilmember
Alexandra Benson, GSD		



Public Art Committee

Brenda Hayes-Bright, DCE

Linda Salguero, DCE

Guests Present

Dasan Ahanu

Laura Ritchie

Chris Vitiello

Margaret DeMott, DAC

Crystal Simone Smith

I. Call to Order & Guest Introductions

- a. The meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM by Angela Lee.

II. Approval of Minutes – April 2021

- a. **MOTION:** The Durham Cultural Advisory Board approves the April summary minutes (Jaynes, Jordan 2nd)
- b. **ACTION:** Approved. (11-0).

III. Adjustments to the Agenda

- a. Updates from the Cultural Master Plan Task Force
- b. Durham Cultural Advisory Board By-Law Edits and Modifications
 - i. The following sections of the by-laws have been edited or modified: Article II Section 5 and Section 8, and Article VII Section 1 and Section 2.

IV. Announcements

- a. New DCAB Member Application
 - i. Katy Clune will be stepping down as Vice-Chair, opening the position up to other members on the Board.
 - ii. The ground-plane mural public art installation at Club Crossing will take place this weekend on May 23 and May 24.
 - iii. Jackie Macleod and Whitney Hunt are currently fabricating the bench for Beechwood Cemetery before installation later this summer.
 - iv. Vandorn Hinnant has been selected for the Rock Quarry Park sculptural art installation project by the selection panel.

V. Updates/Old Business

- a. Updates from Task Forces
 - i. The Durham Cultural Advisory Board is collectively in support of advocating for artist payments for focus groups as a line item in the upcoming operating budget, as a way to support the Cultural Master Plan task force and pre-evaluation phase.

VI. New Business

- a. Public Art Committee Chair & Vice-Chair Appointments

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Conference Code: 769537



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- i. The Public Art Committee has recommended Marcella Camara as Chair and Kyesha Jennings as Vice-Chair.
 - ii. **Motion:** Appoint Marcella Camara as Chair and Kyesha Jennings as Vice-Chair of the Public Art Committee for terms begins on July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. (Coleman, Gillispie 2nd)
 - iii. **Action:** Approved. (11-0).
 - b. DCAB Officer Nominations
 - i. The Durham Cultural Advisory accepted nominations for Chair & Vice-Chair. Nominees will need to confirm their interest prior to the vote in June.
 1. Chair: Angela Lee, Mitchell Sava
 2. Vice-Chair: Marcus Hawley, Mitchell Sava, Zena Howard, E'Vonne Coleman
 - c. Nominations and Recommendations for DCAB Member Vacancies
 - i. The process to nominate and recommend individuals for the DCAB Member Vacancies has been pushed to the June meeting to allow for members to have more time to review applications.
 - d. Poet Laureate
 - i. Review presentation by local Poets regarding the proposal for the position of Poet Laureate. More information can be found on DCAB's g-drive.
 1. Dasan Ahanu, Crystal Simone Smith, and Chris Vitiello presented a proposal to City Council regarding the establishment of a Durham Poet Laureate. This position would go to a poet local to Durham and be responsible for reading poems at ceremonial events, City Council, or other public meetings, attending literary and other cultural events, and giving 5-10 public readings and workshops that are free and open to the public, among other duties celebrating the City's cultural heritage. The typical honorarium for this type of position, based on other NC organizations, is \$2,000-3,000. The Poet Laureate position is open to anyone to apply.
 2. City Council is looking for recommendations on the following categories from DCAB: Selection Process, Community Engagement, Payment, and Scope of Work.
 - ii. **Next meeting:** Review and vote on a recommendation to City Council regarding the City of Durham Poet Laureate proposal.

VII. Public Questions

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

VIII. Adjournment

- a. 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Benson



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