



Durham Cultural Advisory Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, June 16, 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	Zena Howard	<i>* Public Art Committee member</i>
Daisy Calixtro, Student	Joseph Jordan	<i>** Ex-officio, Cultural Advisory Board member</i>
Katy A. Clune	Angela Lee, Chair	
E'Vonne Coleman	Ava Navarro, Student	
Valerie Gillespie	Mitchell E. Sava	
Marcus Hawley	Katie Seiz**	

City of Durham Staff and Representatives Present

Summer Alston, GSD	City Council Member Pierce	Annette Smith, DCE
Alexandra Benson, GSD	Freelon	
Rebecca Brown, GSD	Brenda Hayes-Bright, DCE	

Guests Present

Margaret DeMott, Durham Arts Council	Sherry DeVries, Durham Arts Council
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I. Call to Order & Guest Introductions

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

II. Approval of Minutes –May 2021

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

III. Adjustments to the Agenda

- a. Sherry DeVries from the Durham Arts Council will share a request for a letter of support for an upcoming proposal.

IV. Announcements

- a. Councilmember Pierce Freelon has brought forward a request from City Council to explore installing a mural in Durham in partnership with the Durham Public Art Committee and Durham Cultural Advisory Board, in lieu of the "FUND/DEFUND"

grassroots ground-plane murals that will be removed by the Public Works Department. The goal of the mural is to recognize the uprising that occurred in solidarity for the movement of Black Lives after the death of George Floyd. Specific information regarding the project will be forthcoming.

V. Updates/Old Business

- a. Task Force on Cultural Master Planning Updates
 - i. The DCAB task force is looking to bring a draft to DCAB on August 18 with the proposed small honorarium amount is approved to pay out to approximately 10 artists as a focus group as a last act of research. This research will allow the task force to submit a final white paper advocating for the Cultural Master Plan to be presented at the City Council Work Session on October 7 and the County-equivalent work session.

VI. New Business

- a. New PAC Member Recommendations & Appointments
 - i. The Public Art Committee has recommended four new member PAC members for DCAB to review and appoint. The applications and resumes of the recommended members have been shared on g-drive. The Public Art Committee has recommended the following new committee members:
 - 1. Bhargavi Ammu
 - 2. Molly Matlock
 - 3. JP Trostle
 - 4. Allison Wilson
 - ii. **Action:** Appoint Bhargavi Ammu, Molly Matlock, JP Trostle and Allison Wilson to the Public Art Committee for one three-year term beginning on July 1, 2021 (Clune, Jordan 2nd).
 - iii. **Motion:** Approved. (11-0).
- b. DCAB Chair & Vice-Chair Vote
 - i. The board reviewed Chair and nominations and vote via a Zoom poll during June meeting. The Vice Chair nominations will be moved to the August meeting.
 - ii. **Action:** The Durham Cultural Advisory Board appoints Angela Lee as the Chair for a one year term beginning July 1, 2021.
 - iii. **Motion:** Approved. (11-0).
- c. Nominations and Recommendations for DCAB Member Vacancies
 - i. New member recommendations to fill upcoming vacancies for DCAB members will be reviewed during the June DCAB Meeting. The applications, resumes and online poll have been shared on g-drive. DCAB provides member recommendations to City Council, who then appoints members to serve one three-year terms, with the option to renew for a second term.
 - ii. **Action:** Recommend City Council appoint Tom Jaynes (2nd Term), Michael A Betts, II, Laura J Ritchie, Eldrin Deas, and Rodrigo Dorfman as the top candidates

to serve the remainder of the vacancy terms, with the additional candidates Raafe Purnsley and Connor Nielsen to serve as alternative recommended members at the request of the City Clerk's office. (Coleman, Hawley 2nd).

iii. **Motion:** Approved. (11-0).

d. Poet Laureate Recommendation for City Council

- i. City Council is looking for recommendations on the Poet Laureate position, including: call for poets, selection panel, involvement of the community in the selection process, community engagement, payment, and scope of work. DCAB will review and recommend each section during the June Meeting, after which City staff will draft a letter to share with DCAB leaderships to reflect those recommendations.
- ii. **Action:** Provide guideline recommendations regarding the proposal for a City Poet Laureate position for City Council. The Durham Cultural Advisory Board will co-draft a letter of support for the Poet Laureate position to be sent to City Council.

e. Sherry DeVries from the Durham Arts Council briefly presented the drafted areas of interest for the American Rescue Plan funding. DeVries will follow up with the board regarding the request for a letter of support.

VII. Public Questions

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

VIII. Adjournment

- a. 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Benson