

Durham Cultural Advisory Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, June 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

Katy A. Clune	Tom Jaynes, Chair	Katie Seiz**
E'Vonne Coleman	Angela Lee, Vice-Chair	Rachel Wexler
Margaret DeMott*	Cynthia Penn-Halal	* <i>Public Art Committee member</i>
Valerie Gillispie	Lavesh Pritmani	** <i>Ex-officio, Cultural Advisory</i>
Marcus Hawley	Mitchell E. Sava	<i>Board member</i>
JaMeeka Holloway-Burrell	Katie Spencer Wright	
Zena Howard	Meg Stein	

City of Durham Staff and Representatives Present

Alexandra Benson, GSD	Stacey Poston, GSD
Rebecca Brown, GSD	Annette Smith, DPR

Call to Order & Guest Introductions

- i. The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm by Tom Jaynes. The June DCAB meeting will take place over a Zoom video conference call due to Durham's Coronavirus Stay-at-Home order.

II. Approval of Minutes – May 2020

- i. **MOTION:** To approve the May 2020 DCAB summary minutes (Angela Lee, Margaret DeMott 2nd)
ACTION: Motion approved. (16-0)

III. Adjustments to the Agenda

- i. None.

IV. Announcements

- i. Cultural & Public Art Program updates

V. New Business

- i. Chair and Vice Chair, Vote Results
 1. **MOTION:** Approve Tom and Angela as Chair and Vice Chair for FY2020-2021 (Sava, Gillispie 2nd)
 2. **ACTION:** Motion approved. (16-0)

- ii. New Member Application Review
 1. **MOTION:** Approve the recommendation for Saira Estrada, Angela Lee, and Joseph Jordan to be new members of the Durham Cultural Advisory Board as City-Council appointed members (Wexler, Spencer-Wright 2nd)
ACTION: Motion approved. (16-0)
- iii. Review of 2020 Goals
 1. In light of the nation's current public health pandemic and the Black Lives Matter movement, the Durham Cultural Advisory Board is revising their goals for 2020 to continue to address the overarching goal of equitable access and representation in the local arts/culture community. The following suggestions were made:
 - a. Collaborate with Durham Public Art Committee around how public art is met at intersection of the Black Lives Matter movement and learning from the grassroots pop-up mural process led by North Star Church of the Arts and Art Ain't Innocent in downtown Durham
 - i. *Member Suggestion:* Does DCAB have the ability to assist in funding a preservation and exhibition initiative for the murals after they are removed from the local shop fronts?
 - ii. City staff will present the Cultural and Public Art Program's current state of funding at the August DCAB meeting.
 - b. Engage in conversations with the Public Art Committee about the Advocacy Task Force's Neighborhood Public Art Program Pilot and how DCAB can support the initiative in a fruitful way
 - i. Public Art Committee and task forces have not been meeting recently due to COVID and availability restraints. These meetings will resume on Wednesday, July 15 at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom.
 - ii. *Member Suggestion:* Is there room for a potential crossover between funding for the Neighborhood Public Art Program Pilot and Festivals and Special Events funding for grassroots events taking place inside Durham neighborhoods?
 - c. Is there a role that DCAB can play in advocating for arts/cultural/history organizations led by POC and serving artists of color in Durham that are currently in a tough fundraising climate due to COVID-19?
 - d. Advocate for arts and cultural representation on the upcoming Community Safety and Wellness Task Force formed by Mayor Steve Schewel and Durham City Council
 - i. *Member Suggestion:* Can DCAB draft a letter of recommendation to Mayor Schewel and City Council to include cultural representation on this task force team?
 - ii. What is the bandwidth and capacity of DCAB in this current climate? What other organizations are already doing this work that we can support and network with to utilize our

energy in the most efficient way possible? Can we reach out to the organizations (Durham Beyond Policing/Durham Black Youth Project/SpiritHouse) leading the current initiative and see what they need?

2. Overall, the Durham Cultural Advisory Board recommends to explore ways to leverage and earmark current funds to support any events that these particular organizations wish to lead. At the next meeting, DCAB will identify what resources are available to support the initiative and understand how the Board can have a long-lasting footprint in the Durham community.
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- iv. The Calendar of Meeting Revisions and the adoption of revised DCAB goals for 2020 will be moved to the July meeting.

Updates/Old Business

Public Questions

- v. Questions submitted by the public prior to the meeting will be shared.
N/A

Adjournment