

Durham Cultural Advisory Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

Special Session

Wednesday, August 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

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

Durham Cultural Advisory Board Members Present

E'Vonne Coleman	Zena Howard	<i>* Public Art Committee member</i>
Saira Estrada	Mitchell E. Sava	<i>** Ex-officio, Cultural Advisory Board member</i>
Valerie Gillispie	Katie Seiz**	
Marcus Hawley		

City of Durham Staff and Representatives Present

Alexandra Benson, GSD Rebecca Brown, GSD

Guests Present

Greg Bell	Tom Jaynes, DCAB Chair, present as member of the public	Angela Lee, DCAB Vice-Chair, present as member of the public
Phyllis Coley		
Margaret DeMott		
Gloria Mock		

I. Call to Order & Guest Introductions

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

- i. None.

III. New Business

- i. Review of FY20/21 Request for Proposals for Festivals & Special Events (Cont.)
 1. The City received a total request of \$446,878 from a total of 16 applicants. These applicants then underwent a review from the panel using the following five goals:
 - a. Encouraging awareness of art, history, and/or culture (10 points)
 - b. Creates vibrancy for Durham's communities (10 points)
 - c. Promotes equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility (10 points)
 - d. Benefit's Durham's economy and communities (20 points)
 - e. Demonstrates organizational efficiency and effectiveness (5 points)
 2. Prior to the meeting, Board members submitted their scores for each application, scoring on a 55 point scale. During that meeting, the Board dedicated five minutes to each festival application for discussion and

feedback on individual proposals, looking at average compiled scores for each festival or event.

3. The Durham Cultural Advisory Board made the recommendation to remove four applicants from the funding pool at August meeting. The Board made the following funding recommendations below to present to City Administration and City Council.

ii. FY20/21 Festival & Special Event Funding Recommendations

1. African American Dance Ensemble, Inc.; Annual NC Juneteenth Celebration
 - a. Requested: \$20,000 / Did not receive funding last year
 - b. Recommendation: \$14,800
2. American Dance Festival; American Dance Festival 2021 Season
 - a. Requested: \$70,000 / Received \$70,000 last year
 - b. Recommendation: \$45,000
3. Association for the Preservation of Eno River Valley, Inc., Festival for the Eno
 - a. Requested: \$37,500
 - b. Recommendation: \$17,000
4. Durham Ballet Theatre; Annual Free Performances for the Special Needs Community
 - a. Requested: \$12,500 / Received \$8,000 last year
 - b. Recommendation: \$5,000
5. Durham Central Park; PLAYlist Concert Series
 - a. Requested: \$10,000 / Received \$10,000 last year
 - b. Recommendation: \$6,000
6. Golden Belt Stage, Inc.; 2nd Annual Block Party at Mill Stage at Golden Belt
 - a. Requested: \$10,000
 - b. Recommendation: \$6,000
7. Pride: Durham, NC; Pride: Durham, NC
 - a. Requested: \$15,000 / Received \$15,000 last year
 - b. Recommendation: \$10,000
8. St. Joseph's Historic Foundation/HAYTI Heritage Center; Hayti Heritage Film Festival
 - a. Requested: \$39,600 / Received \$15,000 last year
 - b. Recommendation: \$15,000
9. The Art of Cool Project; SLINGSHOT Festival of Music, Electronic Art, and Tech
 - a. Requested: \$40,000
 - b. Recommendation: \$15,000
10. The Center for Documentary Studies; Full Frame Documentary Film Festival
 - a. Requested: \$65,000 / Received \$65,000 last year
 - b. Recommendation: \$45,000
11. The Dome Foundation; The Art of Cool Festival (AOCFEST)
 - a. Requested: \$75,000
 - b. Recommendation: \$15,000
12. The Scrap Exchange, Inc.; Smashfest

- a. Requested: \$3,000
- b. Recommendation: \$1,200
- iii. Action Item: Provide funding recommendations for FY20/21 Festivals & Events
 1. **MOTION:** The Durham Cultural Advisory Board will move forward with the above funding recommendations for the FY20-21 Festivals & Special Events Funding Grant Program. (Jordan, Coleman 2nd)
 2. **ACTION:** Motion approved. (10-0).
- iv. Staff provided next steps for the RFP process; DCAB's recommendations would be submitted to City Administration for review.

Updates/Old Business

N/A

Public Questions

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

Adjournment

6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra Benson