

Durham Cultural Advisory Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, September 15, 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

Michael A Betts, II	Joseph Jordan	Elias Torre
E'Vonne Coleman	Angela Lee, Chair	
Eldrin Deas	Raafe Purnsley	<i>**Ex-officio, Cultural</i>
Marcus Hawley, Vice Chair	Laura Ritchie	<i>Advisory Board member</i>
Tom Jaynes	Mitchell E. Sava	

City of Durham Staff and Representatives Present

Summer Alston, GSD	Councilmember Pierce	Linda Salguero, Durham
Alexandra Benson, GSD	Freelon	County Public Art
Rebecca Brown, GSD	Brenda Hayes-Bright, Durham County Public Art	Annette Smith, DPS

Guests Present

Susan Amey, Discover Durham	Margaret DeMott, Durham Arts Council Anna Fiore, Discover Durham	Susan Tierney, Durham Arts Council
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I. Call to Order & Guest Introductions

- a. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM by Angela Lee. Welcome to Elias Torre for their appointments to the Cultural Advisory Board.

II. Approval of Minutes – September 2021

- a. **MOTION:** The Durham Cultural Advisory Board approves the September summary minutes (Jordan, Hawley 2nd)
- b. **ACTION:** Approved. (9-0).

III. Adjustments to the Agenda

- a. None.

IV. Announcements

- a. Durham Parks and Recreation has kick-started community engagement initiatives and sessions with neighboring residents of the site to determine scope and details of the

Hoover Road Athletic Park public art project. Durham Cultural Advisory Board members are invited to participate on the artist selection panel for this project.

V. Updates/Old Business

- a. Resolution and By-Laws.
 - i. **Action Item:** Approve DCAB By-Laws.
 - 1. This item has been moved to the October meeting.
- b. Poet Laureate Discussion on Next Steps
 - i. **Action Item:** For the Chair and/or Vice-Chair to appointment DCAB members to serve on a subcommittee with poets to determine Poet Laureate selection process by October 23.
 - 1. Durham Cultural Advisory Board members are encouraged to volunteer to participate on this subcommittee and give input on processes for community engagement, poet selection, and roles and responsibilities for the Poet Laureate position.

VI. New Business

- a. RFP Festival & Specials for FY21/22
 - i. Discussion and feedback on improving RFP & review process.
 - 1. DCAB members suggest analyzing the types of organizations applying, sizes of organizations applying, and when their proposed events take place during the year.
 - 2. Other suggestions include:
 - a. Advocating for a greater sum of funding from City Council to be available for the Festivals and Events RFP program and potentially splitting up the process for more established organizations versus organizations with smaller budgets.
 - i. City staff will work to draft and submit an agenda memo to City Council outlining specifics of the request to be presented at the upcoming City Council meeting and work session.
 - b. Opening more opportunities for organizations to engage in the process through workshops, etc.
- b. Updates on Advocacy Paper for Cultural Master Plan
 - i. No updates at this time.
- c. Durham Arts Network & Website
 - i. Presentation by Durham Art Council on the Arts Network Website online resource by Susan Tierney.
 - 1. The Durham Arts Network is a simple, one-stop source for information on Artists, Creatives & Cultural Workers in Durham and the Triangle region. The Durham Arts Network directory includes artists, arts organizations, cultural resources, arts businesses and venues based in

Durham, Chatham, Granville, Person, and Orange counties (and beyond). Durham Arts Network is free to those listing, and free to search. The goal of the directory is to assist local artists in promoting their work, connecting vendors to artists and organizations, connecting venues to artists and organizations, and providing a communication and network map for creative professionals in the area. Durham Arts Council has applied for funding from the National Endowment of the Arts to help market the Durham Arts Network to the greater community.

2. The link to the Durham Arts Network is here:

<https://www.durhamartsnetwork.org>

VII. Public Questions

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

VIII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned by Angela Lee at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra Benson