I. Call to Order

3:03pm

II. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve June meeting summary minutes.
(Sava, Gillespie 2nd)
ACTION: Motion approved. (13-0).

MOTION: To approve July meeting summary minutes.
(Gillespie, Hawley 2nd)
ACTION: Motion approved. (13-0).

MOTION: To approve September meeting summary minutes.
(Wright, Sava 2nd)
ACTION: Motion approved with corrections. (13-0).
III. Adjustments to the Agenda
None.

IV. Announcements
i. A new mural at WD Hill Recreation Center has been installed by local artist Candy Carver with input from teens at WD Hill.

ii. The Bull Moon Rising website is live at www.bullmoonrising.com and we are currently looking for volunteers to help us during our Moon weekend.

iii. On Friday, 10/18 at 6PM, the Hayti Heritage Center will be celebrating its Durham 150 event titled “Dance, Durham, Dance” including community fun, food truck vendors, and a new artist exhibit.

V. New Business
i. Local Artist Community Concerns Discussion, Michael Botvinick
   i. The artist collective group came together for advocacy efforts as a result of conversations that were taking place on the various arts venues that were closing around Durham, including local galleries and theaters.
   ii. CAB presented the following suggestions in response to the proposal from Marshall Botvinick:
       1. Suggestion to share presentation to Durham County Commissioners
       2. Suggestion to write a letter of support to the cause
       3. Suggestion to organize smaller arts organizations to also write their own letters of support or to sign some sort of petition
       4. Suggestion to gather as much information as possible on Durham’s arts funding history and what other cities are doing today
       5. Research how arts and culture fit into the City’s larger strategic plan
   iii. The City will be sending out the full proposal from the artist collective to the Cultural Advisory Board to review prior to the retreat in November. Further discussion and plans for next steps will be made at the retreat.

VI. Updates / Old Business
i. Equity Training Discussion
   i. Sharon Williams from the Equity & Inclusion Department joined the Cultural Advisory Board for a discussion looking at racial equity on an institutional
ii. The Equitable Community Engagement Blueprint, developed in partnership with the Neighborhood Improvement Services, has not yet been approved but has been presented to City Council to be adopted enterprise-wide.

iii. The Equity Action Plan includes recommendations for accountability as well as preliminary training defining common language, missions, visions, and goals for equity within the City for all boards/commissions/departments. The Equity & Inclusion Department is partnering with GARE to develop the curriculum and roll out bias training with employees. An hour to an hour and a half will be dedicated to this bias training during the CAB retreat.

ii. Police Headquarters Discussion

i. The grassroots arts activist group, Art Ain’t Innocent, submitted a public letter in protest of the public art installations at Durham Police Headquarters that was distributed online and on Third Friday gallery hop events. One CAB member and three PAC members were involved in drafting this letter. The Public Art Committee dedicated September’s meeting to discussion around this project and had the following key take-aways:

1. Reinforcement that equity training is vital to both boards to understand how different communities are impacted/engaged in the work that we do
2. Authentic, robust, equitable community engagement needs to be at the forefront of our future projects
3. Better orientation of new PAC/CAB members in regards to projects that are currently in the works and past projects
4. Creating living history documents of each project, with information included on the timeline and engagement initiatives
5. Develop ways of understanding how our advisory boards manage dissent
6. Revising the CAB bylaws so that expectations/roles/deliverables are all clear amongst members
7. Draft an operations manual for the Cultural Advisory Board

iii. Task Force Updates
Cultural Advisory Board

i. In the interest of time, the Task Force Team updates have been moved to the November meeting.

VII. Adjournment

4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Benson