

News Release

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Durham Seeks Public Art Committee Applicants

September 7 Submission Deadline

DURHAM, N.C. – Durham residents with a love of art, especially art for the Durham community, now have the opportunity to serve on the Cultural Advisory Board’s Public Art Committee.

The Cultural Advisory Board, charged with advising the City Council and County Commissioners on implementation of public art policies, is searching for new members to join the Public Art Committee with terms to expire on June 30, 2023.

The Cultural Advisory Board serves as an advisory body to the City of Durham City Council and City Manager, and the Durham County Board of County Commissioners and County Manager. The Public Art Committee acts on behalf of the Cultural Advisory Board and advises the Board on matters relating to public art in the City of Durham and Durham County. The committee reviews proposals for public art projects brought to it by the City and County Administrations and serves additional supporting roles, such as on project-focused task forces, community engagement sessions, and artist selection panels.

The Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the City’s General Services Department, located at 2011 Fay St. In light of the current safer-at-home order, these monthly meetings are currently hosted virtually. Members serve without compensation and must reside or work within Durham County and actively contribute to the cultural and economic sectors. The application deadline is Monday, September 7, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. EST and applications can now be completed [online](#).

For questions or additional assistance, applicants may also contact Cultural and Public Art Program Manager Rebecca Brown with the City’s General Services Department at (912) 398-8075 or by [email](#).

About the City of Durham Cultural and Public Art Program

The [Cultural and Public Art Program](#) works to invest and create public art experiences – both downtown and in neighborhoods – that illuminate residents’ history, spark reflection and dialogue, and enhance daily life. Under the Arts, Culture, and Sustainable Communities Division within the General Services Department, the Program manages festivals and special events funding, the City’s public art collection, and two public advisory bodies: the [Cultural Advisory Board](#) and the [Public Art Committee](#), which serve the City Council and the City Manager on matters related to the development of cultural assets and public art. Artists and other stakeholders who would like to be notified of current and future art-related opportunities and news can now sign up for alerts through the [Cultural and Public Arts Calls for Art mailing list](#).

About the City of Durham General Services Department

The [General Services Department](#) builds and maintains City properties to make Durham a great place for people to live, work, and play. Guided by the City’s [Strategic Plan](#), the department’s core functions include the acquisition and sale of properties, design and management of new construction and renovation projects, building maintenance, landscaping and urban forestry services, cemeteries management, sustainability and energy management, and supporting the nonprofit [Keep Durham Beautiful](#).

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