

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA

Public Arts Commission

Virtual, Zoom/YouTube
September 9, 2021, 1:00 PM



Ms. Ty Mays Kelty, District 1
Mr. Warren Spirling, District 2
Ms. Traci Harden, District 3
Ms. Tisha Smith, District 4 (Co-Chair)
Ms. Hazel Simpson, District 5
Ms. Myrna Fuller, District 6
Ms. Roshawn Dorsey Buxton, District 7
Mr. Cedric Ward, Mayor's Appointee (Chair)

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes: **Thursday, July 8, 2021, 1:00 PM**
4. Discuss appointments of Chair and Co-Chair
5. By laws
6. Public Art Plan & Funding research
7. Profile sheets for Public Art Commission Members
8. Inventory of current Public Art & Art on Loan from Fulton Co.
9. Adjournment of Meeting

The next Public Arts Commission meeting will be:
Thursday, October 7, 2021



CITY OF SOUTH FULTON
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday Sept 9, 2021 at 1:00 P.M.

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Present: Ty Mays Kelty, Roshawn Dorsey Buxton, Tisha Smith, Myrna Fuller, Cedric Ward,
Also: Corey Adams

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Salondia Aveni called the meeting to order and did a roll call.
- Warren Spirling, Hazel Simpson and Traci Harden were not present at the time. Mr. Cedric Ward joined later in the meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE JULY 8 MEETING MINUTES

- Salondia asked if everyone had a copy of the July 8 minutes. Tisha asked if she meant minutes from August 12 or July 8 meeting and mentioned that she did not have minutes from July 8 meeting available.
- Salondia said it should have been August 12 but then corrected herself and said we did not have a quorum and did not have an official meeting on August 12.
- Myrna stated that we should have a document stating we did not have a quorum for August 12 meeting, whoever was there should be listed, and no minutes were approved.
- Myrna asked who was responsible for minutes.
- Salondia replied unfortunately, but I have the meeting recorded. Salondia has been unable to locate that recording.
- Myrna asked if I had the July 8 minutes
- Salondia stated that she did and that we wouldn't have time to go over them today
- Myrna stated that we should have reviewed them before the meeting and that it was so long ago that she couldn't remember reading them and suggested we approve July 8 meeting minutes in the next meeting and that those minutes be sent out again.
- Tisha seconded that motion
- Motion was approved unanimously

DISCUSS APPOINTMENTS OF CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR

- Myrna stated that it was a done deal
- Tisha asked if Cedric Ward was the Chair now
- Cedric was having trouble getting on the Zoom
- Myrna stated that according to the By-Laws the Mayor's appointee would be Chair
- Salondia asked if we were going to keep Tisha as the Co-Chair or move Ms. Myrna into that spot
- Myrna said we will keep Tisha as Co-Chair
- Salondia asked if we needed to vote on that
- Myrna made the motion that Tisha remain Co-Chair
- Salondia called for a second
- Ty seconded the motion but had a discussion
- Tisha opened the floor for discussion

BY-LAWS

- Ty stated that this was also part of Section 5 and that Mr. Adams had mentioned about By-Laws so technically the Ordinance serves as our By-Laws but at the same time we can request Council to make changes so, in the event that Mr. Ward does not want to be Chair, we can request from Council to change the Chair and Co-Chair.
- Salondia agreed with Ty and said she remembered seeing that in the Ordinance
- Tisha stated that Mr. Ward did say that he didn't mind letting things stay the way they were but to adhere to the Ordinance but that a full Commission discussion would be justifiable if we wanted to make that decision
- Cedric Ward joined us at this point
- Salondia asked if Cedric was comfortable being the Chair
- Cedric replied that he could do it but he would like the opportunity to work under the current setup and asked the Commission what they thought
- Myrna replied to Cedric saying that if he felt like he could do the job then you should step into it that way we wouldn't have to disrupt the Ordinance or By-Laws and we will all be very supportive of whatever it is that you need
- Cedric said ok
- Salondia stated that we are making assignments so you won't have to know everything at once
- Tisha stated it also just comes with serving in that capacity and the best way to get to that point is to do it and with herself, Myrna, Ty and Salondia's assistance he should be ok
- Salondia stated that she thought we would not need to take a vote on that
- Myrna agreed that we did not need to take a vote
- Tisha stated that we did not since it was already in place
- Salondia moved on to the By-Laws stating that the Ordinance would serve as our By-Laws

PUBLIC ART PLAN & FUNDING RESEARCH

- Salondia thanked Ty for the outline of the Plan and turned the meeting over to her
- Ty stated that there was no need to drag it out because this is the third time we are talking about this so to basically sum it up one of our mandates is to create a Public Art Master Plan. The challenge that we have is that our Arts funding comes from the Hotel/Motel tax, we only have the one hotel, so revenue is not exactly pouring in, we're gonna be needing to support the research for grants and search for sponsors. Right now we are going thru budget hearings the budget is gonna be set. Our fiscal year starts in October so if you have any suggestions as far as things you wanna see in the FY22 budget you are free to talk to a Council person. But again, the Public Art plan can cost anywhere from \$30,000 to \$90,000 which is money we don't have. We do have the old Fulton Co. Arts Plan, we have the update from 2008. There's just a lot of resources out there to help you put together your own plan so we are familiar with the logistics of how it is put together. So that being said we just want to decide today if we want to move forward with doing the Plan ourselves with a steering committee and then at the time when we actually have some budget we can move toward a firm updating it for us, but right now to satisfy the mandate we need to have something on paper, I think we need to go ahead and have that steering committee, Council, Mayor, and staff input, go ahead and get something down. If someone wants to make a motion we can move forward with that.
- Tish made the motion to move forward with that
- Myrna asked moving forward with what
- Tisha replied creating our own action plan using communities, employees and so forth as a steering committee lie Ty had mentioned until we generate some revenue to hire a firm like they did with Parks and Rec

- Salondia gave Tisha the name of the gentleman that was working on the Parks & Rec plan, Carlos Perez. There was only a fraction of Cultural Affairs in that action plan
- Myrna stated that it was a mention
- Myrna stated that we have a motion on the floor
- Salondia stated that the motion on the floor was to move forward with an internal committee with the Public Arts Master Plan
- Myrna seconded the motion
- The motion was approved unanimously
- Salondia stated that she would like to set up the steering committee
- Ty stated that we need to ask the Communications Department and Council Members to circulate the information to the Public because we want to have as many residents and artists that live in the City to join as well. Ty volunteered to make a graphic to send to Gary and all of the legislative aides so they can put it in their newsletter, set a deadline for responses and then move forward.
- Myrna asked if the communication would be a survey
- Ty stated we would start with actually forming the committee and we have a survey that we can use. Ty said she would circulate that to Commission to see if anyone wanted to add any additional questions. We will formalize our process and then kick it off with the survey once everyone is in agreement.
- Tisha asked Ty what was the timeline on that
- Ty stated that she could get the flyer done by Sept. 15 and send it to us, and then to Gary for circulation the week of Sept 20
- Tisha stated that it would be a good idea to schedule a Zoom meeting so we can know what we are asking for in terms of money. So if we had a meeting with the steering committee at the end of the month we would know what we want to ask for
- Ty clarified that our fiscal year starts in October 1, and that we probably won't be able to meet before then but if we wanted to circulate some ideas with our Councilperson or among each other it could be as simple as sending a memo
- Tisha asked Cedric if he was on Slack
- Cedric stated that he had not
- Tisha asked Myrna to send Cedric the invite for Slack and a short video on how to use it.
- Salondia asked who on our side will be heading the steering committee
- Myrna replied Ty
- Ty said yeah, that's fine
- Tisha said it was gonna be Ty or Myrna
- Salondia asked if we were clear on that information moving forward what we are going to do as far as setting up the steering committee. As Ty said our fiscal year does not start till October 1 and our next meeting is scheduled for October 7

PROFILE SHEETS FOR PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Salondia moved to the next agenda item and stated that her link for Slack expired and asked Ms. Myrna to resend
- Myrna stated that she would resend it to everyone that she had not received a form from
- Cedric asked if he should send it back to Myrna or another person
- Myrna replied that he could send it back to her. She stated that we should use Slack for communications and use the Google drive for information storage. All the profiles would be moved to the Google drive as well
- Ms. Ro asked if Slack was something she should have as well
- Myrna replied yes
- Tisha stated that Slack was the way we had been communicating offline with one another so that we could have a documented communication
- Ms. Ro stated that she was still feeling like she was trying to get acclimated

- Tish said we got you Ms. Ro, so Myrna when you send those things out if you've already done it just ignore the email. If you have not do it so everyone going forward can be on the same accord.

INVENTORY OF CURRENT PUBLIC ART & ART ON LOAN FROM FULTON CO.

- Salondia moved to the next agenda item which was inventory of current public art and art on loan from Fulton Co. Myrna mentioned that Tisha's pictures were in Slack and that she would move them to the Google drive. Once I get that link I will upload what I have to the Google drive and then if I need to go out and take anymore I will. Everyone will have access to that once it is uploaded.
- Tisha asked where things stood with the public art at the roundabout with Alan Peterson
- Ty said that she didn't know if anyone had driven thru the roundabout yet but from what I understand residents have not completely figured out the roundabout yet so until that happens and they feel that the project is complete and everything has been situated they are not going to install it. Ty said she would check with Public Works and GDOT to see if there was a timeline.
- Salondia stated that the new Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Director, Travis Landrum, spoke with Councilwoman Rowell and she mentioned to him the concrete wall at Sandtown and if we had an artist in mind and when we were going to do it. I let him know that that was a Public Art project and that we couldn't just choose an artist without going thru the proper process.
- Myrna asked if we had a process form
- Ty stated that would be part of the Public Art Plan and that we would probably adopt Fulton Co.'s process with some changes, but we're supposed to report to Council twice a year so once we have our steering committee and our process nailed down that would be a good time for us to go before Council, tell what we've done so far, refresh their memories about what the Public Arts Commission is supposed to do
- Tisha said maybe we could schedule a time to be put on the agenda and asked when they have their meetings
- Ty stated she thought the schedule may have changed because of Covid but that we could ask Corey when would be a good time to do that
- Salondia let everyone know that we were reaching the time limit for the meeting and opened the floor up for comments

COMMENTS

- Myrna asked if it would be premature to go ahead and develop at least a temporary form and guidelines because it is going to take a while for us to really flush out the full Plan because it seems as though Councilpersons are kinda chomping at the bit to do certain things. I would be willing to start drafting those documents. I just put something in Slack that I drafted for the West End Merchants. We could take that and use it to come up with something it that's your pleasure.
- Salondia stated that she did not think that was a bad idea
- Tisha agreed and stated like Ty said we can always adopt some of Fulton Co's guidelines and criteria to fold into our plan
- Myrna stated that she would bring it forward at the next meeting and suggested Cedric be the person to find out about the City Council meetings
- Salondia stated that there is a schedule on City of South Fulton's website
- Cedric asked if the steering committee would collaborate amongst ourselves and then go to City Council

- Ty asked if he was talking about sharing the process or
- Cedric replied yes the process itself
- Ty replied that we would get the steering committee together, nail down the process, and then share that process with Council

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

- Salondia asked for a motion to adjourn
- Myrna asked that the minutes be put in a drive
- **Myrna** made the motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Ty seconded the motion.
- The motion passes unanimously to adjourn.

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