



CITY OF SOUTH FULTON  
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION - REGULAR MEETING, VIRTUAL  
Thursday May 18, 2023, 11:00 A.M.

**Members Present:** Ty Mays Kelty, Myrna Fuller,

**Guests:** Arelious Cooper, Yusef Otway, Chief of Staff to Mayor, Mayor Khalid Kamau

**Staff:** Salondia Aveni,

**Members Absent:** Hazel Simpson, Traci Harden, Tisha Smith, Roshawn Dorsey

**Call to Order** - Meeting was called order

**Agenda** – Reviewed. A quorum was not present to vote on the agenda or adopt the minutes. Proceeded as outlined on the agenda without voting power.

**New PAC Member** – Arelious Cooper representing Council member Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 was welcomed. He provided a brief overview of his background and commitment to the arts. A native of South Fulton, he currently runs an integrated sports and arts organization, *Art In The Paint*. Mr. Cooper will be sworn in at the next PAC meeting.

**Discussion with special guests** - Mayor Khalid Kamau and Yusef Otway, the Mayor's Chief of Staff introductions made.

Film and Music Industry

- PAC members were invited to attend the South Fulton Municipal Association meeting next Thursday to discuss the film and music industry. The film industry is purchasing and renting warehouse space in our city, especially on Fulton Industrial Blvd. We need to determine how to obtain and maximize revenue as a result. The evening will include open discussion, artists' panel, and a simulated sitcom with Christine Horne and other industry artists.
- The Mayor wants people in these industries to make our city their home like the sitcom from the Wonder Years.
- The City plans to establish a Film Bureau Office. The bureau may fall under economic development as we try to attract more people to the city. The need for permitting, zoning, and planning requirements may dictate a different reporting connection.

PAC Funding - Hotel/Motel Tax

- Hotel/ motel tax – (the primary reason for the mayor's attendance). Ty Mays provided a full timeline account of our funding issue to include our requests. Mayor Kamau asked for copy of the Ordinance, "dream" budget and stated that the issue would be placed on the July 11 work session agenda. The Mayor will get an accurate accounting and set up a meeting for us with the City Manager to address the HR issue of hiring a PA Coordinator.
- Public art projects have and are being funded by others. Examples were given to include an artist incubator project that was in the original budget. An example of this type of partnership was given. Our partnership with Econ. Dev. brings artists in to the city, provides them with space, and pays them a stipend to produce a public art project. The intent is to strengthen relationships with artists, improve the landscape of the city, and add to the inventory of tourists attractions.
- Art on private property - discussed legal limitations of PAC's involvement and but how we can help the process.
- The Mayor envisions Old National Hwy as an Arts and Entertainment District and Fulton Industrial as an Arts Studio District.
- Artist data base - A small database exists from our survey and through Cultural affairs.
- Website and social media – PAC had money in our original budget. Mayor stated - let's solve that and indicated that we should have an Instagram page. He asked the PAC to send him our programs when they occur.

All CoSF Boards

- Asked about PAC meeting time, location, and appointee names. Mayor is asking for all boards to meet in person to provide access for persons not able to join through technology. He will list available meeting locations such as libraries, rec centers, etc. and other government facilities. Appointees are asked not miss 2 or more meetings.

PAC Programming

- Ty Mays provided an overview of a PAC initiatives and programming which included:

- Public Art Master Plan,
- Public Art Steering Committee,
- Public Survey,
- all PAC Community Projects to date.

Request - Mayor Kamau's Office Wall

- Would like to see list of artists
- Explained the desire to work through the steps of an artist selection process with this project.

Meeting With the Mayor and City Manager

- June 5<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon
- Confirmed attendees- TM, SA, MF. We will email other members to invite them.

Other business

- Process for juried artist selection – an implementation process to support the Guidelines. It will be sent to members for input.
- Discussed the feasibility of using the process for upcoming projects that weren't already in progress..
- Atlanta Quilt Festival – opening 8/4, official opening 8/6
- Sojourner T Juneteenth Quilt Festival opening.- June 17th

Meeting Adjourned