

**MINUTES OF ART AND CULTURE COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF KENNESAW
Council Chambers
August 31, 2023
6:30 PM**

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

- a. Mr. Darryl Simmons called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
- b. Roll Call: Commissioner Light, Commissioner Verdu-Dubke, Commissioner Thornhill present.
- c. Absent: Commissioner Bodenhamer
- d. Staff Present: Darryl Simmons (Zoning Administrator) and Tanyel Aviles (Business Recruitment and Retention Manager)

2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

A. Approval of July 20, 2023 Minutes

- 1. July 2023 meeting minutes were reviewed. No errors were found and no alterations were needed.
- 2. Mr. Simmons calls for a motion to approve the July 2023 meeting minutes.
- 3. Commissioner Thornhill makes a motion to approve the July 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Verdu Dubke seconds.
- 4. Motion passes 3-0. All in favor.

3. Financial Report

A. Approval of July 2023 Financial Report

- 1. Ms. Tanyel Aviles presents the financial report for July 2023. She acknowledges an encumbrance of \$425 that has been resolved, and explains recent, approved expenses that have been paid not appearing on the current report.
- 2. Commissioner Light asks about buying an airbrush kit for face painting, and whether we will be adding that expense to this fiscal year's budget.
- 3. Ms. Aviles states that she will put that discussion on next month's agenda.
- 4. Mr. Simmons calls for a motion to approve the July 2023 financial report.
- 5. Commissioner Light motions to approve the July 2023 financial report. Commissioner Thornhill sconds.

6. Motion passes 3-0. All in favor.

4. Old Business

No Old Business

5. New Business

A. PA2023-05 - 2689 Summers Street - El Taco Azteca Fence Mural

1. Mr. Simmons introduces case #PA2023-05, the proposed mural for El Taco Azteca at 2689 Summers St, and presents the materials, location and visuals associated with the application. He explains that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) unanimously voted to approve the application, and that Mayor and Council will receive and vote on this application on Tuesday August 5, 2023.
2. The Commission expresses it's appreciation of the proposed mural.
3. Ms. Elizabeth Arellano, the muralist, explains that all the components of the mural will be indigenous to Mexico (iguanas, butterflies, flowers, etc.).
4. Ms. Katty Sanchez, the business owner, explains that they call the patio that will house this mural the iguana patio. So, they wanted to incorporate them into the mural.
5. Commissioner Verdu Dubke asks how large the mural will be.
6. Mr. Simmons responds that the mural is intended to be around 6 x 8 feet.
7. Ms. Arellano explains that it may not take up the entirety of the fence.
8. Mr. Simmons calls for a motion to approve application #PA2023-05, mural at 2689 Summers St.
9. Commissioner Thornhill motions to approve application #PA2023-05, mural at 2689 Summers St. Commissioner Light seconds.
10. Motion passes 3-0. All in favor.

B. Master Plan Discussion

Item is stricken from the agenda. All questions, suggestions or concerns regarding the KACC Master Plan will be submitted to Mr. Simmons via email.

6. Public Comment

1. Mr. Simmons opens the floor to public comment.
2. Mr. Larry Olsen expresses his approval and appreciation of the proposed mural. He thinks, however, that the presence of physical art seems to be missing from the City of Kennesaw. He suggests a commercial space be considered as a place for the public to create and show art. He would prefer the City to have a focus on art and a way to support art in the City.
3. Mr. Simmons explains that the City is utilizing development and business to add to the art within the community, and he would be happy to have a conversation with Mr. Olsen to discuss his suggestion and how to execute it.

7. Staff Comment

Mr. Simmons expresses his gratitude to all members of the KACC past and present for their generosity and effort.

8. Adjourn

Adjourned at 6:54pm.

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