



Commissioners
Erin Light
Chelsea Bodenhamer
Michelle Verdu Dubke
Rachel Mangum
Jackson Searles

**Art and Culture Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2024 5:30 PM
Council Chambers
(2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA 30144)**

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

A. Call to Order at 5:30pm

- Roll Call: Erin Light, Michelle Verdu Dubke, North-Jackson Searles and Rachel Mangum
- Absent: Chelsea Bodenhamer
- Staff Present: Darryl Simmons and Vanita Keswani

2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 02/15/24

- Motion to approve the 02/15/24 minutes by Erin Light.
- Second by Rachel Mangum.
- All in favor. 4-0.

3. Financial Report

A. Approval of Financial Report as of 02/31/24

- Motion to approve the 02/31/24 financial report by Michelle Verdu Dubke.
- Second by Erin Light.
- All in favor. 4-0.

4. Old Business

A. Airbrush Kit Discussion

- Darryl Simmons discusses the airbrush kit options with the Commission.
- Motion to direct Staff to purchase the Master Airbrush Professional Airbrushing System Kit listed at \$169.99 not to exceed \$175.00 by Erin Light.
- Second by Rachel Mangum.

- All in favor, 4-0.

5. New Business

A. Artist Stipend for Art Blooms

- Vanita Keswani explains the Art Blooms and Art Hatch events at Smith-Gilbert Gardens, and its cooperation with the Kennesaw State University Master Craftsman Program. She requests \$750 for a dragonfly sculpture done by the Master Craftsman Program that will be displayed in the gardens and \$750 for expenses related to the Art Hatch and Art Blooms events. Eventually Art Blooms will extend to Downtown Kennesaw as well. She asks that the KACC support this project with a \$1500 stipend.
- Motion to authorize the expenditure of \$1500 to participate in the Art Hatch event and Art Blooms Dragonfly Project by Erin Light.
- Second by North-Jackson Searles.
- All in Favor. 4-0.

B. Emails, Nametags and Business Cards

- All Commissioners are in need of City emails, nametags and business cards. Staff will accommodate the purchase of nametags and business cards, and facilitate the creation of City emails.

6. Public Comments

- There is a question as to whether or not the Parks and Recreation Department has a hand in public art.
- Mr. Simmons explains that there is a cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Department and there is also a free public gallery in the Ben Robertson Community Center.

7. Staff Comment

- None

8. Adjourn

- Adjourned at 6:13.