

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Draft

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

5:30 PM

**Canton Theatre
171 East Main Street**

Cultural Arts Commission

1. Call to Order

Present were Theresa Shampine, Jamie Foreman, Shanna Coulter, Jonathan Kesler and Haley Whyte. Also present were staff liaison Kristin Norton Green, Lauren Johnson, Jacky Cheng, and Ashley Hartwig.

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Shampine to amend the Agenda to add Peaberry Film Festival as item 6E under New Business and was seconded by Kesler. The amendment was unanimously approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes from October Meeting**A. Cultural Arts Commission Draft Minutes - October 30, 2024**

Attachments: [Minutes - Cultural Arts Commission - October 30, 2024](#)

A motion to approve the minutes for the October meeting was made by Kesler and seconded by Shampine. The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Public Input

None

5. Old Business**A. Discussion of Projects for FY25 - Creation of Subcommittees**

Foreman updated the group on subcommittee visit to the Parks with Parks and Recreation Manager Adam Dodson. The group is interested in a project at Heritage Park under the Waleska Street Bridge. Interactive sculpture with a lighting component under the bridge was discussed.

B. Follow Up on Bizarre Bash Project

Coulter reported that the Bizarre Bash project was a success and will be completed at the West Main Arts Festival.

6. New Business**A. Discussion of Meeting Days and Times**

The group discussed their preference of meeting times and it was agreed that Wednesdays at 5:30 are most accessible to most community members.

B. Discussion of Upcoming Presentation to Council

Foreman will present ideas for the Heritage Park project to Council at the March

20, 2025 meeting.

C. West Main Arts Festival Involvement

Foreman discussed new additions to the West Main Arts Festival. She asked that CCAC members consider volunteering. The group is interested in re-creating their post-it note project from the 2023 Multicultural Festival at West Main Arts Festival.

D. Discussion of Social Media Presence

The group discussed their desire for a Social Media presence. It was agreed that CCAC would ask for features on the City of Canton Social Media until there was enough content to sustain a dedicated channel.

E. Peaberry Film Festival- Foreman led the group in a discussion of the Peaberry Film Festival's importance to the City's Cultural Arts efforts. Coulter moved to ask the Canton Tourism Board to support the Peaberry Film Festival and the motion was seconded by Whyte and unanimously approved.

7. Board Introduced Items

None

8. Monthly Theatre and Cultural Arts Updates - Kristin Norton Green

Norton Green updated the group on the Theatre Exterior renovation project and the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation. Hartwig provided an update for Theatre programming, including the Retro Movie Series, Southern Circuit Film, All Call Dance Class, and Canton City Limits Open Mic Night.

9. Adjourn