

1. Call to Order

Present were Theresa Shampine, Jamie Foreman, Shanna Coulter, Elaine Federico, Jonathan Kesler and Haley Whyte. Also present were Mayor Bill Grant, staff liaison Kristin Norton Green and Ashley Hartwig.

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Coulter to approve the Agenda and was seconded by Shampine. The vote was unanimous.

3. Approval of the Minutes from September Meeting

A. Cultural Arts Commission Draft Minutes - September 23, 2024

Attachments: Cultural Arts Minutes 9-23-24

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

4. Public Input

None.

5. Old Business

A. Discussion of Projects for FY25

Staff Liaison Norton Green reported that Council would like the Cultural Arts Commission to focus on a sculpture and mural project on the trail. Public works should be involved in placement and Chair will present project costs, timeline, and impacts to parks and trails to Council. The Commission will consider a committee for this project at their next meeting.

B. Bizarre Bash Project

Coulter reported on a community participatory project that the committee has been working on. It will be comprised of a weaving project featuring the Etowah River that will be donated to the City and a project of painted faces that will be donated to the Children's Haven once complete.

C. Discussion of Creation of a Creative District

Mayor Bill Grant led a conversation with the Commission about the vision for a potential Creative District and its importance to Economic Development for the City.

6. New Business

None.

7. Board Introduced Items

A. West Main Arts Festival- Jamie Foreman

Foreman informed the Commission of plans for the upcoming West Main Arts Festival to be held on March 1, 2025. She invited the Commission to lead a community participatory art project and to take community input for the Creative District at the festival.

8. Adjourn