

Cultural Arts Commission Meeting

April 14, 2025

6:00PM

Present:

- Commission: Vice Chair Jamie Bierdz, Commissioners Marsha Hassell, Shelby Jasewicz-Davidoski, and Kristina Mathieu
- Staff: City Art Director Barbara Richardson and Arts & Entertainment Coordinator Gabbi Pace
- Public: Judie Edwards

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Bierdz.

General Public comments:

- Judie Edwards of SC250 spoke about potential opportunities for her organization to partner with the Commission and with the City.
 - Wants to show two movies over the next year and a half- *The Patriot* and *1776*.
 - Will be doing an interactive revolutionary war experience for children at a local park in October, put on by Liberty Live.
 - Have had difficulty getting into Berkeley County schools due to limitations of field trips, so this event will be for private and parochial schools. A letter of interest has been sent, and approx. 475 students are currently interested.
 - Also in talks with City of Hanahan for a similar Experience.
 - Lecture series planned to highlight various groups of people and their histories.
 - Putting on a "Revolutionary Picnic" at the Rec center on July 9.
 - Christie Pleasant from the City of Charleston does a talk where she brings in parlor furniture and speaks to an audience from the perspective of Eliza Pinckney- wanting to do more of these performances.
 - Interested in doing interactive activities for adults at the Creek Collective- candle making and indigo dying.
 - Encouraged commissioners to come to Colonial Day held on September 27.
 - Discussed potential of having an informational table at the Farmers market.
 - Able to provide table-sized coloring sheets at events.
 - Judie is interested in a revolutionary war era themed mural in Goose Creek, as well as a Francis Marion themed goose.
 - SC250 is interested in putting on an arts contest and is interested in GCCAC assisting in the judging.
 - Judie wants the GCCAC to provide support and new ideas to SC250. She said that they were always welcome to attend Zoom event planning meetings.
 - Commissioner Bierdz suggested that at some events where GCCAC may be present, SC250 could set up a table as well.

- Commissioner Jasewicz-Davidoski suggested that maybe the person who does genealogy at the Goose Creek library could work with SC250 to trace people's family history and see if they have any family connections to the Revolutionary War.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- Jamie Bierdz requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2025 meetings.
 - Motion was granted by Commissioner
 - Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jasewicz-Davidoski
 - Discussion:
 - N/A
 - All in favor, motion carried.

Art Director's Report – Barbara Richardson:

- Mural Updates
 - Two new murals have been installed in the City, both by Matteo Miles. One is at Sky Market and one is at Precision Tune Auto Care.
- Adopt-A-Goose Updates
 - Of the 53 geese that have been purchased, 46 should be going out into the community in the next few weeks. Of those remaining, all have been assigned artists.
- Creek Collective Updates
 - Light fixtures are installed, the pops of blue on the exterior are painted.
 - The ribbon cutting is still planned for May 28 at 4:00. Invitations will be given at the next Commission meeting.
 - There will be an artist live painting, live music, and light hors d'oeuvres.
- St. James Ave Banner Contest
 - We are still accepting artwork, with lots of submissions already entered. The contest ends on May 2, and Gabbi will send out all submissions to Commission members so that they can have thoughts ahead of the next meeting.
- Headshots
 - Adam Kelly wants to get headshots of all commission members. Commissioners were asked to be on the lookout for upcoming correspondence to schedule

Arts & Entertainment Report – Gabbi Pace:

- Past Arts Programming
 - The first Creekapalooza concert was held on April 12 and was a hit. We had about 1,000 people in attendance.
 - *The Princess Bride* shadow cast was held on March 29. Improvements to the lighting at the amphitheater and the projector have improved clarity of movie casting for future showings. About 300 people were in attendance.
 - *Wicked* was shown at the Daning on April 5 and was very well attended, with about 600 people in the audience.
- Future Arts Programming
 - *The Wild Robot* will be shown at the Daning on 4/19 at sundown. The venue will open at 7:00.

- The second Creekapalooza concert (pop) will be on June 21, and the third (alternative 90s rock) will be on September 13. Those concerts will be announced on socials a month ahead of the concert date.
- Juneteenth Youth Summit (on behalf of Sharina)
 - The Commission is interested in supporting the summit and assisting with a T-shirt design contest again.
- Juneteenth Celebration at the Daning
 - Gabbi met with Joselyn Johnson, who is interested in putting on a Juneteenth event at the Daning in partnership with the City. The date is tentatively set for June 8 from 4:00-7:00.
 - 3 bands, with one being a headliner
 - Food trucks
 - Local businesses
 - The Commission is interested in supporting that event and setting up a table.
- Poet Laureate Initiative
 - Only a couple of applications have been submitted.
 - Commissioner Hassell suggested that there be some kind of stipend provided for those in the position to encourage more applications.
 - Commissioner Jasewicz-Davidoski suggested that if monetary compensation is not an option, they be given other more obvious visual credit/acknowledgement of their position.
 - If more submissions are wanted, the commission is interested in extending the deadline.
- Goose Chase (poker run)
 - Gabbi will be sending out more information to commissioners about Goose Chase. Stones Throw said they would send along more information once they had it, and Gabbi will forward.

Initiative Suggestions –Shelby Jasewicz-Davidoski:

- Interested in creating a new “Rainbow Bridge” at McCants dog park. Erect a portion of fence that people can come and hang pet collars on. Could bring pet owners into the City as well as people to see the art at the dog park.
 - Pet Supplies Plus may be able to sponsor its creation.
- Thread Together Night
 - Interested in putting on a sensory-friendly event at the Collective for people to bring their thread-centric, machine-less projects to come and work together quietly.

Special Events Involvement:

- Gabbi will send out a Google Form in the next week or so where Commissioners can sign up for special events they are able to be present at. Upcoming events where it would be good to have a GGCAC presence are below:
 - Creek Collective grand opening (May 28)
 - Midsummer Night’s Dream (June 28)
 - July 4
- Float Planning (Christmas Parade)

- Gabbi will go ahead and start the process of reserving a float for the Christmas parade.

GCCAC Uniforms:

- Commissioners selected a style of cardigan and color of T-shirt to purchase as uniforms for the Commission. Gabbi will send out images of the selected items via email so that Commissioners can select their sizes.

Adjournment:

- Commissioner Bierdz requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.
- The motion was granted by Commissioner Hassell
 - The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jasewicz-Davidoski
 - All in favor, motion carried.

The next meeting has been scheduled for May 5 at 6:00PM

Minutes approved for April 14, 2025.