

Cultural Arts Commission Meeting

Monday, February 9, 2026

6:00PM

Present:

- Commission: Chair Libby Roerig, Commissioners Jamie Bierdz, Kelly Conrad, Marsha Hassell, and Amy Heckle
- Elected Officials: Gala McSwain
- Staff: Recreation, Art, and Parks Director Crystal Reed, City Art Director Barb Richardson and Arts & Entertainment Manager Hannah Miller
- Public: Poet Laureate Tina Baumis

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Roerig.

General Public comments:

- Poet Laureate Tina Baumis spoke on the successes from the last poetry reading, discussed her plan for 30-days of poetry in April, discussed the opportunity to be Grammy recognized through poetry, and discussed an idea of breaking a Guinness World Record for longest poetry read-a-thon

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- Chairman Roerig requested a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026, meeting.
 - Motion was granted by Commissioner Bierdz
 - Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hassell
 - Discussion:
 - All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Hassell updated the group on the upcoming film program.
 - Chair Roerig and Commissioner Hassell met with Motion Film Works and Meade Film Studio and are working on how they will collaborate together. The partnering companies will provide the curriculum.
 - Two workshops are in the works at The Creek Collective – the first one being in March. There will be a July deadline with a “Golden Goose Award Ceremony” to follow in August.
- The Commission will workshop an updated mission statement and vision statement at the next meeting
 - Hannah will send the current statements via email prior to the March meeting
- The Commission discussed MELT 2026

- The location may not be held in Goose Creek in 2026. City staff are working on solutions and will update at the March meeting.

New Business

- The Commission discussed ordering updated Adopt-A-Goose stickers and suggested which should be ordered next
 - Library – Harry Potter Goose
 - Daning – Harmony Goose
 - State Farm- Jake & Polly
- The Commission discussed planning a second annual Women’s Leadership Celebration in March at Momo Crowfield
 - Thursdays in March suggested
 - Discussed inviting women business owners in Goose Creek
 - Discussed gifts for the event
 - Hannah will coordinate with Golf & Momo Crowfield

Art Director’s Report – Barbara Richardson:

- Adopt A Goose Updates
 - Granted rights to do the mini goose printing – South Carolina Federal Credit Union will have the first family of geese (4)
 - Howe Hall Aims is interested in adopting
 - Celebrating the 3-year anniversary of the program on 02/13
 - Berkeley 250 and Elam’s Pest Control geese are ready to be clear coated

Arts & Entertainment Report – Hannah Miller:

- Upcoming Programming
 - NAACP Black Business Market on 02/28 with movie night to follow – Commission Members encouraged to attend and participate with the “drive in” car building
 - Mahjong, Charcuterie Board Workshop, Pet Adoption Event, Color Run are all upcoming
 - Searching for cross stitch instructors – Commissioner Conrad suggested getting in touch with some stores in Downtown Charleston
 - Hannah gave all Commissioners information on the Quilt exhibit coming in March – The Commission would like to bring quilting into The Creek Collective
 - 2 wedding rentals at The Collective in February
- First Daning Concert Series is on April 25th – Plain White T’s and Babe Club
 - Hannah will send tickets to all Commissioners
 - Commissioner Conrad suggested renting a Incardi Machine to Daning concerts. They are sought after in the community and may bring an extra layer of interest to the concerts.

Adjournment:

- a. Chairman Roerig requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.
- The motion was granted by Commissioner Bierdz
- The motion was seconded by Commissioner Conrad
 - All in favor, motion carried.

The next meeting has been scheduled for March 9, 2026, at 6:00PM