

**Greensboro Cultural Affairs Commission**

**Meeting Agenda**

Monday, October 14th, 2024 – 5:30 pm

Held in person at the *Creative Greensboro Conference Room*

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Bender (via Zoom), Catena Bergevin, Janay Green, Victoria Milstein, Juliette Bianco, Leigh Ann Little

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT**:** Jocquelyn Boone

OTHER SPEAKERS PRESENT: None

1. **Welcome & Announcements**
	1. Chairwoman Bergevin called the meeting to order at 5:34pm, she welcomed the commission and shared a reminder about protocol when members of the public want to speak during the meetings. She also confirmed whether returning commissioners received their letters in the mail from the city. She noted we’re also waiting to hear back from the City about confirmation on new commissioners.
2. **Business**
	1. October meeting minutes were approved 5-0
	2. Chief Creative Economy Officer, Jocquelyn Boone shared updates about building renovations.

The façade for the brick repair is under contract, a scaled down bid for the bathroom repairs is slated to go back out, VDPS flooring repairs are under review, and once finalized conceptual design for the atrium ceiling repairs are in, we can move forward with starting those repairs. Creative Greensboro is also working on improving the tenant experience by adding a more modernized conference room capabilities for meetings and gatherings in the Creative Greensboro conference room. This is a useful upgrade that all tenants will be able to enjoy.

* 1. Ms. Boone also shared about some leadership/staffing changes at Green Hill Gallery which may impact their lighting request proposal. Ms. Boone was recently made aware that they have a new interim executive director, whom she has checked in with briefly. After last month’s CAC meeting, Lomax construction was supposed to follow up with all four galleries to do a comprehensive assessment of their lighting needs. As of today Creative Greensboro has not heard back from Green Hill or Lomax construction. Last month Ms. Boone connected with the Office of Sustainability who confirmed that the process for applying for reduced lighting was a lot more detailed than GreenHill had initially thought. During the meeting Jocelyn Brown, executive director of African American Atelier, confirmed that they had not had an assessment from Lomax Construction. Ms. Brown also shared that while lighting is important, it’s not their gallery’s main priority. Chairwoman Bergevin shared information about Duke Energy’s Energywise program and how it had significantly helped lower costs for Reconsidered Goods. Ms. Boone confirmed she would follow up again with the Office of Sustainability to inquire about sustainable lighting options that may lower electrical costs for the galleries.
	2. Ms. Boone shared about a new initiative to support arts education programing/experiences. This programming is in line with the priorities in the cultural master plan. The remaining unallocated funds from the Sustaining Creativity Grant would be used to support this initiative. Ms. Boone shared that has been in conversation with Commissioner Little and her team with Guilford County Schools to discuss program design. Parks and rec centers have been sourced as potential places for connecting with youth for this program. More details and an outline will be shared at next month’s meeting.
	3. Ms. Boone shared that commissions will need to vote on a few items next month concerning registration and rental fees in the Cultural Center.
	4. Chairwoman Bergevin inquired about how tenant meetings regarding the new rental program were going. Ms. Boone shared that first round tenant meetings were going well and almost complete. Second round meetings will take place in early 2025. These are the finalization meetings. Commissioner Bender raised questions about tenant partner’s ability to be sustainable. He also suggested that tenant organizations present a sustainability plan during these follow up meetings to discuss the health and future plans for their organization’s livelihood if they are currently in financial crisis.
	5. Ms. Boone share final updates on the success of Creative Allies, Creative Greensboro’s newest municipal residency program and Art in Municipal Spaces program.
	6. Commissioners voted that November 19th will be the next meeting date since Monday November 11th is a holiday.
	7. There were no updates from the Impact & Investment Committee
	8. There were no updates from the Creative Placemaking Committee
	9. There were no additional speakers from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm.

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